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Assayer in Charge,
Boise City,

July 14, 1885.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to forward, as early as practicable on the forms sent you by current mail the following information required for the Biennial Register of the United States for 1885, namely:

Full name, including your own, of all officers and employés attached to the Boise Assay Office on July 1, 1885; place of birth (State or country only,) and compensation, annual or per diem according to appointment.

Please see that the printed instructions are carefully followed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to—

Assayer in Charge,	Charlotte, N.C.
Supt. Mint,	Carson, Nev.
Assayer in Charge,	Denver, Col.
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Supt. Assay Office	New York, N.Y.
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Supt. Mint,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Assayer in Charge,	St. Louis, Mo.
Supt. Mint,	San Francisco,

Supt U. S. Mint,
Boise City, I.T.

July 15, 1885

Sir:

I enclose herewith copies of the late circular of the Postmaster General in relation to telegraphic service during the fiscal year 1886. I will thank you to observe that all bills are

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made to conform to the rates fixed by this circular before payment is made.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to-

✓	Supt. U. S. Mint,	Carson, Nev.
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✓	Supt. U. S. Mint,	San Francisco,
✓	Assayer in Charge,	St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram — Clark Dodge & Co., July 15, 1885.
57 Wall Street,
New York.

✓ Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegrams — Offers accepted.

✓	Fourth National Bank		New York.
✓	Handy & Cronise,	24 Nassau St.	New York.

Assayer in Charge, July 15, 1885.
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

No statement on Form 250 of the daily condition of the Helena Assay Office since that ✓ of the 30th of June, received July 9th having yet reached this office, an explanation is respectfully requested as to the reason for the delay in transmitting these reports.

You are also instructed to reduce if you have

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not already done so, the balance in lawful money in the Assay Office, the purpose of the Department in regard to this matter being that Bullion Fund moneys shall only be kept with Assistant Treasurers or in designated depositories of the United States.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

July 15, 1885.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:- of-

Clark Dodge & Co.	50.000	Ounces at	$1.0723
Clark Dodge & Co.	50.000	" "	1.0722
Clark Dodge & Co.	50.000	" "	1.0721

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia,

July 15, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first and one subsequent delivery in each week at your Mint during the month of April 1885, and forwarded for test as prescribed

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by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayers report upon special assay coins taken from the first, and one subsequent delivery in each week at your Mint during the Month of April 1885, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to-
Supt. Mint, U. S. New Orleans

C. E. Boynton,
Knapp,
Dunn Co, Wis.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant relating to a silver mine in which you are interested, and asking to be informed of some process for separating the mineral from the rock. I have to say that your inquiries do not properly come within the functions of this Bureau to answer.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, I.T.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1885, has been approved for the sum of $800.000, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1886	$252.70
Wages of Workmen }	1886	
Contingent Expenses }	1886	547.30

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball,
Director.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

July, 16, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Requisitions for funds, No. 58. B.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to-

Assayer, Assay Office,	Charlotte, N.C.
Assayer, U.S. Mint,	Denver, Col.
Assayer, Assay Office,	Helena, Mont.
Supt. Assay Office,	New York, N.Y.
Assayer, Assay Office	St. Louis, Mo.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nev.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official

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use have been mailed you this day, viz:
100 Requisitions for funds, No. 56. A.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to-

Supt. U. S. Mint,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Supt. U. S. Mint,	New Orleans, La.
Supt. U. S. Mint,	San Francisco, Cal.

Supt. U. S. Mint, July 16, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to the award of contract for supplies for your mint during the current fiscal year submitted by you under date of the 19th and 22nd ultimo for the approval of this office, it would appear that inasmuch as coining operations have been suspended at your institution, many of the supplies for which contracts are under consideration, will not be required.

I have in view of this fact, to request that you will as far as practicable, make out your schedule with quantities approximating to a consumption proportioned to the actual requirements of the mint on the present reduced scale of operations.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Assayer in Charge, July 16, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1113, dated July 10th, 1885,

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of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 20, dated July 7th, 1885, and find the gross value to be $10,404.01, charges $25.07, and net value 10,378.94, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter except No. & val. sent to -
Assayer in Charge, Helena to N.G. June 17, 20, 22 & July 2, 1885, Merch. No. 2137, 2177, 2793, 2298, A & B. Shipt No. 240, 1, 2, 3 & 4 dated June 8, 12, 15, 22 & 24, 1885, gross val. $59,547.78, charges $144.27, net val. $59,403.71.

Assayer in Charge, Helena, to N.G. July 2, 3 & 7th 1885, Merch. No. 2298 C.D. B & F. 2322, a & b 2359. Shipt. No. 24, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 50 & 51, dated June 25, 26, 27 & 30, 1885, gross val. $82,168.34 charges $212.86, net val. $81,955.48.

Joseph M. Floyd, Esq.,
Office Assistant Treasurer,
New York.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office a copy of your "Tables of the London price of Silver Bullion in sterling and parities in U.S. Gold Coin," transmitting your account in duplicate for payment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased $50,000.- by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant enclosing copy of a communication received by you from the Chairman of the Committee on Sewerage of the City Council of Helena notifying you that there has been an assessment levied against the United States Assay Office at Helena, of $256.02 the government's share for building a sewer through the street in the rear of the office.

As it appears desirable that the sewerage of the assay office building be emptied into the sewer now in course of construction, you are authorized to pay from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year, the amount of the assessment levied, referring to this letter as authority for such payment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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E. O. Leech, Esq.,
Care U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

Please inform yourself through some commercial authority in San Francisco as to the fullest and most reliable Price Current of miscellaneous articles used in the mints and assay offices on the Pacific Coast and subscribe in the name of this Bureau for the weekly edition.

I desire to have you also inform yourself as to the proportion of labor at the San Francisco Mint in relation to the work performed in its departments, the information obtained being submitted on your return, with your report on the annual settlements at the western mints.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kingman,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me whether the articles furnished by Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw, of Philadelphia, for the Exposition recently held in your city, have been restored to them.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office, July 16, 1885.
New York.

Sir,

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement showing the amount and cost of silver parted from gold at your office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, July 16, 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I have to state that the Topographer of the Post Office Department gives the shortest distance by railroad from New Orleans, La. to Greenville Miss., as Three Hundred and Twenty-six (326) miles.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, July 16, 1885.
Supt. Philadelphia, Pa.,

My dear Sir:

The Secretary of the Treas. desires the U. S. Treasurer, Mr. Jordan & myself to inspect the vaults of the Post Office building in Phil. as auxiliary storage for the Phila mint.

It is therefore proposed to do so on Monday next, the 20th P.M. (after six P.M.) when Mr. Jordan will arive from Washington & meet me at the mint, returning the same night

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to Washington.

Trusting that you can join us, even at such an unusual hour, for this inspection & that meanwhile you will arrange for our visit to the vaults in question at the time appointed - say 6-30 P.M.- I have concluded this arrangement with the Treasurer as he cannot leave his office within office hours at present.

I will call on you about 3 P.M. - the same as last Monday, but more promptly to the hour named (3 P.M.)

Truly Yours
Jas. P. Kimball,

P.S. Should anything prevent the above arrangement, pray telegraph Treasurer Jordan at Washington.

J.P.K.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant enclosing copy of a letter addressed you by Mr. J. B. Eckfeldt, Assayer of your mint, in reference to reporting small quantities of gold contained in silver deposits, when the amount does not equal the expense of parting the same.

You will observe that Section 3519 of the Revised Statutes expressly provides that in case gold and silver are contained, if either are in such small proportion that neither can be separated advantageously, no allowance should be made to depositors for its value. The Assayer will therefore be guided by the following rule. In silver deposits containing a small proportion of gold, no allowance is to be made for the

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gold when its value does not equal the expense of parting.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury a bill of M. L. Muhleman amounting to $38.70, for traveling expenses incurred in connection with the annual settlement of your mint, under the direction of the Treasurer of the United States, with the recommendation that the same be paid from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia,
Bill of George Koehler, amounting to $38.65

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning,
Secretary of the Treasury,

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning,
Secretary of the Treasury,

July 16, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mont. to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand, Twenty-two 97/100 Dollars, ($59,022.97.) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Eighty 74/100 Dollars, ($380.74.) in Silver Coin making a total of Fifty-nine Thousand Four Hund

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red and Three 40/100 Dollars ($59,403.71.) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memoranda No. 2139, 2177, 2193, 2298, A+B. dated June 17, 20, 22, + July 2, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter except No. & amt.

Assay Office at Helena, $80,736.57 in Gold Coin,
1,218.91 " Silver " Total $81,955.48.
Mem. No. 2298, 6, D B+7, 2322 A+B, + 2359, July 2, 3, + 7/85.

Assay Office at Charlotte, to Mint at Philadelphia.
$10,319.00, in Gold coin,
59.94 " Silver " Total $10,378.94.
Mem. No. 1113. July 10, 1885.

Hon. Daniel Manning, July 16, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50.000.-) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Telegram J. P. Donaldson, July 17, 1885.
Treasurer Huntington & Broadtop R.R. Co.,
Philadelphia
You can ascertain from Superintendent Philadelphia Mint when Dr Kimball will be there.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, July 17, 1885.
Helena, Mont.
Sir:
Your letter of the 9th instant to Dr. Sawyer requesting a certified copy of the charges preferred by J. P. Donaldson against you and the evidence taken in the case has been referred to this Office. The papers are at present in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury and as soon as they are returned to this Office a copy will be made and forwarded as requested.
Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, July 17, 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.
One million dollars as advised by my letter of yesterday, has been placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.
Confirmed.

A. London Snowden, Esq., July 17, 1885.
late Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:
I have to acknowledge the receipt of

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your Ordinary Refinery and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30th, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, July 17, 1885.

Sir:

The Solicitor of the Treasury having decided that it is necessary for the person to be appointed Assistant in the Laboratory of this Bureau to be examined, I would state that Mr. Kimball the Director, has recommended the appointment of W. F. Bowen, who was formerly employed as "Helper" in the Laboratory. I would therefore respectfully request that Mr. Bowen be designated for examination for appointment to the position of "Assistant in Laboratory."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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H. G. Torrey, Esq. July 16, 1885.
U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant enclosing a strip of metal belonging to Mr. E. W. Serrell, with request to have three coins struck therefrom in order to test its suitability for coinage. It is impossible to comply with your request as coin can only be struck by authority of Congress. If it will answer the same purpose Mr. Serrell can send the strip to the Superintendent of the

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Philadelphia Mint and arrange with him to strike medals instead. The Engraver doubtless has some die on hand which can be utilized for this purpose without subjecting Mr. Sewell to great expense. The strip is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director. ✓

J. P. Billups, Esq.,
Crescent City Coal Co.,
140 Canal Street,
New Orleans,

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

Any appeal from an award of contract for supplies to branches of the U. S. Mint, including the U. S. Assay Offices, must be lodged with the Superintendent of the special branch mint or assay office concerned. No bid upon advertised contracts can be considered in this Bureau which has not previously been submitted to the Superintendent of that branch of the mint advertising.

Communications to this Bureau relating to supplies to branches of the U. S. Mint will be referred to the Superintendents of the branches concerned, for investigation and report, preliminary to any action by this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter sent to-
E. F. C. Young, Esq.,
Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.

C. H. Carter, Esq.,
Waterbury,
Conn. ✓

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J. R. Franklin, Esq.,
Whigville, Noble Co, Ohio.

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office and in reply, I would state that uncurrent silver coins are redeemed at the Treasury when presented in sums of $10, or any multiple thereof in lawful money.

The 3¢ piece which you refer to as bearing the impress of a dime, I would be pleased to have you forward to this office for inspection and if you desire it the piece itself will be returned to you, or if not a piece of the same value.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena,

July, 18, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
2 Books of Mint Receipts # 7. G.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

E. O. Leech, Esq.,
San Francisco, Cal.

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

I enclose herewith Treasury draft # 116, for $91.70 drawn in your favor in payment of your bill for personal expenses incurred in traveling to San Francisco on Official business.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

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Telegram

E. O. Leech, July 18, 1885.
Care Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Lawton's bond approved. Deliver Commission. Shall funds for July expenses be advanced him or Barton. Answer.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, U. S. July 18, 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1885, has been approved for the sum of $15,600, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1886	$3,600
Wages of Workmen,	1886	9,000
Contingent Expenses	1886	3,000

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, July 18, 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to enable you to make payment for shipments of standard silver dollars to points named therein.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

Messrs. J. Walsh & Son, New York, report that they are about twenty-seven hundred ounces short on their sale of the 8th inst. You are authorized to receive and pay for the balance due anytime during the coming week.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased at your mint from the 1st to the 15th instant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 18, 1885.

Sir:

In reply to your request of yesterday for a supply of printed Instructions and Regulations, I have to state that owing to the limited number on hand, I cannot spare more than two copies which I send you by to days mail.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, July 18, 1885.
San Francisco, Cal.
Forward statement of amounts and places to which standard silver dollars were shipped and cost to each point for quarter ended June thirtieth.
R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram J. Walsh & Son, July 18, 1885.
5 Wall Street,
New York.
You can deliver balance due next week.
R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, July 20, 1885.
Boise City, Idaho.
Sir:
I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased $25,000.- by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.
Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer, Assay Office, July 20, 1885.
Boise, Idaho.
Sir:
The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000 Certificates of Gold Deposit No. 6.
1000 Memorandums of Gold Deposit No. 42. D.
150 Assayer's Certificates No. 39. D.

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4 calculation blotters No. 81
The balance of the Assayers Certificates will be forwarded when received from the printer.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

A. B. Cloud, Esq., July 20, 1885.
Front Royal,
Warren Co., Va.

Sir,

Your postal card of the 16th instant addressed to the Secretary has been referred to this Office and in reply I would state that mutilated United States silver coin is purchased at the mint at Philadelphia, as bullion, when delivered in quantities of three dollars ($3.) and upwards.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, U. S. July 20, 1885.
Carson, Nevada,
Your letter of thirteenth received. Cannot modify instructions as to deposits.

R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram E. O. Leech, July 20, 1885.
Care U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Amount of special assay coins on hand at this office from San Francisco, seven hundred and one dollars gold, thirty two dollars ten cents silver; forwarded to Philadelphia, nine

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thousand one hundred and sixty dollars gold seven hundred twenty-five dollars silver.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, U. S. July 20, 1885.
New Orleans,

When will you be able to resume coining operations? and how many silver dollars will it be practicable to coin this month if any?

R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, U. S. July 20, 1885.
Philadelphia

During the heated term you are authorized to employ such additional number of temporary adjusters as you may deem advisable.

R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, July 20, 1885.
Philadelphia,

Sir:

I enclose herewith for verification especially as to names, many of which were abbreviated in the original copy of Coiner's statement of medals, manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint during fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning,
Secretary of the Treasury,

July 20, 1885.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, be increased Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, ($25,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 21, 1885.

Sir

C. D. No. 22, for 201.79, being on account of Wages & Contingent Expenses of your Office for 1885, enclosed in your communication of the 9th instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Expense accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Clark Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street
New York,

July 21, 1885.

Your offer declined. Will accept amount offered by you at one hundred seven and quarter cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Fourth National Bank July 21, 1885.
New York

Your offer declined. Will accept amount offered by you at one hundred seven and quarter cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar telegram sent to—
Handy & Cronise 24 Nassau St., New York.

Supt. Mint, U. S. July 21, 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first and one subsequent delivery in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1885, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint. July 21, 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized and instructed to make further examination and inspection of the vaults and rooms contiguous thereto, in the new Post Office building set aside for the use of the Mint and the Treasury, to ascertain more fully the alterations and changes necessary to be made in the vaults, than could

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be done during the inspection upon the visit of the Treasurer and the Director of the Mint.

You will make an estimate of the cost of such alterations or changes as you may think desirable, with the view to economize room for the storage of silver dollars.

Recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Treasury that he will authorize all expense of such alterations as it may be necessary to make in the vaults, to be paid from the appropriation for safes and vaults, and if payment can not be made therefrom, the expenses for this purpose would be paid from the contingent expenses of your mint.

It has suggested during the recent visit of the Director and Treasurer that you find accommodation for your own office in the Post Office building, leaving the old mint building to be used exclusively for manufacturing purposes. Whether it is advisable to make this move will rest upon your judgment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

July 21, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, as requested in your telegram of current date, viz: Blanks for information required for Biennial Register for 1885. Also copy of Biennial Register (bound volume) for 1883.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

July 21, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing proposals for 66 barrels of Melter and Refiners sweeps, has been received. The bid of Messrs Balbach & Son at $12.78 per hundred pounds, being the highest and best for the interests of the government, you are authorized to accept the same.

The bids are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Telegram

H. C. Stier,
Care U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

July 21, 1885.

You can return without waiting for Montegut to recount.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

F. W. Taussig, Esq.,
St. Louis.

July 21, 1885.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 14th instant, I enclose herewith pages 497 to 502, inclusive (second revised proof) of the "Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States during the calendar year 1884" showing average and comparative prices of principal commodities exported &c in 1870, 1883 and 1884.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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July 22d 1885

First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, at Carson for the month ending May 31st 1885 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball

Similar letter transmtg
June - Ordinary + Supth. Statistical 1st qr.
Helena, Mont

July 22d 1885

William Garrard Esq.
Supt. U. S Mint
Carson Nev.,

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31st 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

July 22d 1885

Fifty thousand accepted for New Orleans.
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

To the
Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year, the account of the "Rocky Mountain" News Printing Co. for advertising proposals for coal and charcoal, amounting to, as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, $6.30

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball.

Posey S. Wilson Esq
Assayer in charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2600. to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, payable from the following appropriations viz:-

Salaries U. S. Mint Denver 1886		$1000.00
Wages of Workmen	" "	300.00

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

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H. C. Frick Coke Co. July 22d 1885
Pittsburgh, Penn.,
Send us also bid for New Orleans Mint.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Confirmed Charge Treasury

R. B. Harrison Esq July 22d 1885
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Montana

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary expense accounts for the quarter ended March 31st 1885 with my approval except voucher 227 Feb's account subscription to the Stockgrowers Journal, $3.00 which is regarded as an unnecessary expense, and the payrolls for February and March upon each of which an error appears in the payment made to Walter Scott. This man's appointment as Day watchman was approved by this office February 14th to take effect February 2d at the rate of $3.00 per day. On both of the rolls mentioned his pay is computed at $3.25 making a difference of $12.50 which amount, in addition to the $3.00 paid for the subscription as above, I have recommended to be disallowed.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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W. P. Lawver Esq July 22d 1885
Assayer Mint Bureau,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

Please have an inventory made of the books which belong to the Bureau in the Laboratory under your charge, and file the same in this Office.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

W. P. Lawver July 22d 1885
Assayer Mint Bureau
Treasury Department

Sir:-

The grinding of ores incidental to assaying is regarded by the Director of the Mint as incompatible with the nice work for which the Laboratory of this Bureau was constituted, and by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the assaying of ores and other material, not appertaining to the business of this Bureau, will be discontinued.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montégut Esq July 22d 1885
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to the proposals received for supplying your mint with coke, the prices asked appear to be high and I would thank you to consult the Matter

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and Refiner and obtain from him an opinion as to whether hand picked anthracite coal could not be used for melting purposes, as is successfully and advantageously done in the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

G. Montégut Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties; at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit:- of-
Clark, Dodge & Co. 50.000 ozs. @ ¢ 1.0725

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montégut Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

I have received your telegram of the 21st instant to the effect that you cannot begin coining before Monday or possibly Tuesday next and can coin during this month 10 0000

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silver dollars.

You will please cause this amount and as much more as may be found practicable, to be coined before the close of the month

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montegut Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to telegraph at the close of business on Monday and Thursday of each week, the amount of silver bullion on hand and the amount delivered during the month and due on purchases made at the department for delivery at your mint

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Similar letter sent to Supt Phila. Mint.

E. L. Burlow Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 22d 1885

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced for the sum of $12.000, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the Appropriation for Parting & Refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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The Honorable
Secretary of the Treasury

July 22 1885

Sir:

In the matter of the printing of the Report of the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States during the calendar year 1884", compiled in this Bureau and now nearly ready for issue by the Public Printer, I find that the authority for publication is by concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress (Congressional Record, March 1, 3, & 4 1885, pages 2564, 2586 and 2697. No further record can be found.

It appears that the expenses attending the printing of this volume are as appended, and that with the exception of the last item all have been incurred.

This being the case, I presume the distribution of the volume will follow as a matter of course. I have however, to submit the question whether it shall be sent out ~~with~~ without binding, this being the only item still open. with or

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Estimated Cost of Report on Production of Precious Metals, 1884. (exclusive of illustrations)

Composition	$1.550.00
Folding	650.70
Press work	634.50
Paper	1.379.00
Binding	1.440.00
	$5.654.20

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Sprville Braden Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho

July 23d 1885

Sir:-

Complying with your request contained in letter of the 17th instant Mr. A. L. New is hereby designated to act as Assayer in charge at such times as you may be necessarily absent.

I will thank you to forward Mr. New's Official Oath.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Prof. T. Egleston
Columbia College
New York.

July 23d 1885

Sir:-

With reference to Mr. Burchard's letter of the 30th of June, the number of copies (200) of your paper will be reserved for you, and will be subject to your order when the volume is printed.

It seems that the issue of this paper, followed by its re-printing in the press of the country, would impair its value for the report, and therefore it should be considered confidential until the report is distributed. Meanwhile it should be regarded as the property of the Government.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

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R. B. Harrison, July 23d. 1885

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

Referring to your account current and vouchers for expenses in collecting statistics relating to the production of the precious metals in Montana during the fiscal year 1885. showing the payment of $250. to one Wellington E. Anning, a stenographer and typewriter engaged on that work, and also to your letter of May 1st submitting for approval the appointment of this person to a position of that character, with a view to his continued employment, you are directed to incur no liability on account of the collection of statistics for the calendar year 1885.

The nomination of Mr. Anning to act as stenographer and typewriter, a position not allowed to any of the other institutions, cannot be approved, without knowledge of some necessity in the present state of your clerical force, which is apparently up to the full requirements of the business of the Assay Office

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montégut Esq July 23. 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

The following awards made for supplies required by your mint for

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for the current fiscal year and submitted to this Office, are approved:

Liner and Amend.

Nitric Acid, C. P. 1000 lbs. @ 13¢ per lb.

Mrs. C. Nelson, Asbestos Gloves, 25 doz (making) $2.00 per doz.

J. A. Blaffer

Poplar, double dressed 7/8 in.		2000 ft	$30.00 per	ft
Cypress "	"	" 3000 "	$30.00 "	"
" "	"	1 1/8 " 1500 "	$30.00 "	"
Oak 4 x 12	rough	500 "	$37.50 "	"
Ash 2 3/8 x 22	double dressed	500 "	$37.50 "	"
Walnut 1 1/8 in	dressed	500 "	$100.00 "	"
Yellow Pine 1 x 12	rough	3000 "	$14.00 "	"
Flooring 1 1/2	T & G.	3000 "	$30.00 "	"

E. A. Vallienne

Corn bags, sizes to hold	$1,000	9¢
" "	500	5 1/2 "
" "	250	4 1/2 "
" "	200	3 3/4 "
" "	100	3

Chas S. Pitcher & Co.

Buck Mitts, 30 doz.	@	$13.50 per	doz.
Muslin 1000 yds	"	3 1/2¢ "	yd
Linen Holland 300 "	"	20¢ "	"
" Tape 1/2 in 25 doz pcs.		25¢ "	doz

A. Lehman & Co.

Ticking 300 yds	@	13 1/2¢ "	yd
Towels 20 doz	"	$2.50 "	doz.

I. L. Lyons & Co.

Acid, nitric, parting 50 carboys	@ 11¢ per	lb.
" sulphuric commercial 5 "	" 2¢ "	"
Nitric U. R. 600 lbs	7 1/2¢ "	"

G. F. Gnet & Co.

Ash wood, 600 cords	$4.10 "	cord

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H. Levy & Son

Pine Wood 6 cords		@	$6.00 per cord
Charcoal 300 Bbls		"	23¢ " Bbl

Chase Carley & Co.

Seed Oil	10 "	"	60¢ " gal
Valvoline "	6 "	"	75¢ "
Coal Oil	50 gals		12¢ "
Neatsfoot "	20 "		60¢ "

R. M. Ong

Refined Tallow, 2500 lbs.		9 1/2¢ per lb
Turpentine	2 Bbls.	32 " " gal

G. R. Finlay & Co.

Borax 1000 lbs.		8 7/8¢ per lb.
Alcohol 1 Bbl.		@ $2.25 per gal
High Wines, 4 Bbls.		" $118 " "
Toilet Soap 40 doz cakes		" 75¢ " doz
Olive " P & G. 4 boxes		$2.85 " box

W. G. Wilmot & Co

Pittsburgh Coal 800 tons of 2000 lbs. " $3.70 " ton delivered and piled in Mint yard.

You will be careful to observe that the supplies delivered upon contracts, are fully up to the required standard. Upon the failure of any one to whom an award has been made to comply strictly with the terms of the contract, the same should be cancelled and proposals invited again for that class of supplies

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Messrs Handy & Cronise
#24 Nassau St
New York.

July 28th 1885

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter in relation to the delay in receipt of the telegram from this office advising you of the action of the department upon your offer of 100,000 ozs of silver, I would state that Tuesday being Cabinet day, the delay was occasioned by inability to secure the approval of the Secretary of the action and recommendation of the Commission until about 4.30 P.M. of that day. Measures will be taken to obviate as far as possible any delay of this kind in the future.

In reference to that portion of your letter referring to the trouble of using silver certificates, you should apply for remedy to the Secretary of the Treasury or to the Treasurer of the United States

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

E. O. Leech
C/o Mint, San Francisco,
Cal.

July 28th 1885

Were the adjusters furloughed for July? If not, how often have they reported for duty?

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Chief Treasury.

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Danl. M. Fox Esq. July 23d. 1885

Superintendent U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following telegram sent you to-day is hereby made official, viz:-

Balance of silver bullion on hand should be stated also.

Confirmed

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Secretary of The Treasury July 23d. 1885

Sir:-

I beg leave to submit a copy of the correspondence by way of indicating the history of the publication of an annual volume known as the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the statistics of the production of the Precious Metals in the United States.

In the 46 Congress, Session 3, it was provided that the appropriation for the purposes of this volume be expended under the direction of the Director of the Mint instead of, as previously, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. (See pp. 266 and 441 U. S. Statutes at Large, Vol 21.)

The question of a continuance of this volume is one of such importance that I do not feel justified in exercising whatever discretion is given me alone in the matter without your concurrence.

Whatever latitude the title of the

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volume admits as to the nature of the statistics collected, the five volumes already published treat of mines and mining enterprises from information compiled chiefly from the press of the country and otherwise supplied, in a few instances, by attaché's of some of the branches of the Mint on special editorial duty as so-called "statisticians"

No individual responsibility for statements seems to have been imposed upon the several contributors nor indeed are statements referred, as a rule to their authorities. Thus the responsibility for statements made falls upon the reporting officer, viz: the Director.

From want of responsible knowledge as to the statements made, he is not in a position to assume such a responsibility.

I have the honor therefore to suggest that the appropriation of $4000 for the gathering of material for the annual report in question be applied strictly to the collection of statistics of the precious metals, instead of to a collection of popular descriptive accounts of mining enterprises, and of mining regions, and to supplementary essays from paid contributors on miscellaneous metallurgical subjects.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram C. H. Baldwin, July 24th 1885
President, Fourth Natnl Bank.
New York.
Your offers accepted.
Jas P. Kimball
Chg Treasury. Director.
" Similar Telegram to J. B. Colgate, 47 Wall St. New York.

" Clark Wodge & Co. July 24 1885
51 Wall Street
New York.
Your Offer declined. Will accept the same at One Hundred seven and one half cents per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball
Chg Treasury Director.
" Similar Telegram to - Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St. New York
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram Assayer U. S. Assay Office July 24th 1885
Boisé City, Idaho.
No Statistical work required. Leave of absence on that ground unnecessary and not granted.
Confirmed Collect govt rates. Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Spruille Braden, Esq. July 24th 1885
Assayer in Charge
Boisé City.
Sir:-
Replying to your letter of the 17th instant in regard to the collection of statistics of the production of the precious metals for the current year, you are directed to incur no expense on account of the collection of

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material for the report for the year 1885: until positive instructions have been received, as it is the intention of the Director to change somewhat the character of the volume on statistics. Very respectfully.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Assayer U. S. Mint July 24th 1885
Denver, Colorado.

You are authorized to drape Mint Building at an expense not exceeding twenty-five dollars. Coll. Govt rates.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Andrew Mason Esq July 24 1885
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montegut, Esq. July 24th 1885
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of award for coke that will be required by your mint for melting purposes during the current fiscal year and the price asked which as I have heretofore advised you is high, I transmit herewith for your information

copy of a letter received from the H. C. Frick Coke Company, from which it will be observed they offer to deliver by car load at New Orleans, the best quality of prepared Charcellor Coke at the rate of $11.25 per ton of 2,000 pounds, the government paying the freight, deducting the same from the amount of the coke in their bills in settlement.

By purchasing coke and having it delivered in this manner, a considerable saving would be effected. You will please therefore delay entering into a contract for coke until further advised of other bids which have been asked.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Daniel M. Fox. July 24th 1885
Supt. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

I approve of your proposal to drape the facade of Mint in respect to memory of General Grant.

Confirmed

Coll. Govt rates.

Jas P. Kimball
Director

Daniel M. Fox Esq July 24th 1885
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 23d instant in relation to payment of employes on leave of absence and asking whether you have authority to withhold the compensation of salaried officer or clerk during such time as he may be absent.

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While I am decidedly of the opinion that you have no authority to deduct any portion of the pay of an officer or clerk while absent, whose compensation is specifically fixed by Congress, I have referred your letter to the Solicitor of the Treasury for his opinion upon the point raised by you

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Danl. M. Fox Esq. — July 24th 1885

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on Asst Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Fourth Natl Bank, N.Y.	50.000 ozs at	$1.0750
" " " "	20.000 " "	$1.0750
Jas B. Colgate & Co.	20.000 " "	$1.0750

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Daniel M. Fox Esq — July 24th 1885

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 23d.

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instant stating that since your entering upon duty, the requirements of the service for the coinage of silver dollars has been increased so as to demand the greatest effort of the female employés to accomplish their part and requesting that to meet the emergency of the service, you be authorized in addition to the number adjusters employed for temporary duty, to bring the force up to the demands of the service, to appoint ten (10) regular adjusters to take the place of those discharged in April last. As the demands upon your mint for the coinage of silver dollars, will for some time to come be from 1.700.000 to 1.800.000 pieces per month, you are authorized to increase the permanent force of adjusters by the number requested in your letter.

It is suggested that the working time of the adjusters be divided equally as far as practicable between those who do day work and those who perform night work and that those who do night work one week be assigned to day work the next week so as to fully equalize the burden of service.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Daniel M. Fox Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

July 24th 1885

S.-

In compliance with your request by telegram of current date I transmit herewith copy of my letter and telegram of yesterday in relation to certain reports required from your mint.

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Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Gabriel Montégut Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

July 24th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you hereafter in submitting appointments of employés in your Mint to places not already vacant to submit at the same time the removals of the persons whose positions you intend to fill. This will prevent delay in explaining the necessity for the appointments as your force of employés cannot be increased except for the most urgent reasons, upon the contrary, it is expected that you will so reduce it at the earliest practicable moment as to bring your expenditures on account of Wages of Workmen within the appropriation.

The appointments submitted in your letter of the 15th instant have been approved.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

S. P. Rounds Esq.
Public Printer.

July 24th 1885

Sir:

In relation to the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the calendar year 1884, now in course of printing, I have to request that instead of binding in cloth as heretofore, all except 250 copies for the use of this office, you

will bind 350 copies with black sheep backs and corners and with marble sides and edges and the balance in paper covers, all to be wrapped and ready for mailing when sent to this office.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

First Auditor July 25th 1885
Treasury Department

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office of Helena Mont. for the Month ending April 30th 1885 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Note recommendations on Abstract of disbursement.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Messrs Bullock & Crenshaw July 25 1885
528 Arch St. Phila. Pa.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint in regard to the Articles furnished by you for the exhibit by this Office at the World's Exposition in that City, from which you will observe that the articles were re-shipped on the 17th instant

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Telegram

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

July 25th 1885

Please deliver fifty thousand at one seven fifty at New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed Chg Treasury.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St. New York.

July 25th 1885

Will accept one hundred thousand only.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Confirmed Chg Treasury.

Wm Garrard Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

July 25th 1885

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of July 1885. has been approved for the sum of $5500. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint, during the current fiscal year. viz:-

Salaries, 1886	$2500.
Wages of Workmen "	$1500.
Contingent Expenses "	$1500.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Wm. Garrard Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 25th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending June 30th 1885

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Posey S. Wilson Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver Col.

July 25th 1885

Sir:-

Believing that you would enter on duty upon the approval of your bond, the Secretary of the Treasury was requested to cause to be advanced you sufficient money from your appropriations for the current year to meet expenses incurred during the month of July. Your not assuming charge of the Mint will not cause any complications, as you can pay the Clerks and employés, and any outstanding bills contracted by your predecessor, on account of the service during the month of July, rendering an account current for the month covering the expenditures made by you.

All bills contracted previous to the month of July must be paid by Mr. Silver and accounted for in his Ordinary Accounts for June.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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S. Guthrie, Esq.
Room 91 Corcoran Buildg
Washington, D. C.

July 25th 1885

Sir:-

I have this day approved and referred for examination and settlement the following bills of the Central & Union Pacific railroad for transportation service.

C. P. R. R. from San Francisco to Reno and return one passenger $24.00

U. P. R. R. from Council Bluff to Granger one passenger. $44.41

U. P. R. R. (Or Short line) Granger to Ruby One passenger $28.39

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

R. B. Harrison Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

July 25. 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending April 30th 1885 with my approval, except the payroll of workmen on which an overpayment of $650 has again been made to Walter Scott which amount I recommend be disallowed.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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C. Montegut July 25th 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans. La.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties: at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:-

Clark Dodge & Co. 50.000 ounces @ $1.0750

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter to D. M. Fox
Supt. U. S. Mint Phila. Pa.

Handy & Cronise 100,000 ounces @ $1.0750

The Hon Secretary of July 25th 1885
the Treasury.

Sir:-

I have the honor to state, in relation to the matter of an assistant in the Laboratory of this Office, that the Civil Service Commission have verbally expressed to Dr W. P. Sawyer, the Assayer, the opinion that it would not be necessary for the person to be appointed to this position to pass an examination.

I have therefore, to respectfully to recommend the appointment of Miles F. Brown as Assistant in Laboratory of this Office

Very Respectfully
R. E. Preston
Assistant Director.

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Assayer in charge
Boise City Idaho.

July 27th 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1164 dated July 30th 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment 186.12 dated June 30th 1885, and find the gross value to be $15,336.76, charges $43.78, and net value $15,292.98, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Fourth National Bank
New York

July 27th 1885

Have authorized Superintendent Philadelphia to receive South American coin forwarded on account of your sale of the fifteenth.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed Collect.

July 27th 1885

Telegram Supt Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.,

One hundred thousand ounces accepted of Handy & Cronise on the twenty-fifth, at one hundred seven and one half cents per ounce fine, of which you were advised by mail on same day.

Confirmed Collect

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 27th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 25th instant stating that you had received an invoice of gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. upon which there were transportation charges and asking instructions in reference thereto. In reply I would state that as this bullion was received at the St Louis Office before the 1st of July, when the order of the Secretary of the Treasury directing that a transportation charge be imposed upon gold bullion deposited at the St. Louis Assay Office went into effect, it will be paid as heretofore from the appropriation for freight on coin and bullion between the mints and Assay Office upon presentation of an account for the same.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Edwd C. Jewett Esq.
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

July 27th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending June 30 1885

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon Daniel Manning July 27th 1885
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fifteen Thousand One hundred and Forty nine dollars. ($15.149.00,) in gold coin and One hundred and forty-three 98/100 dollars ($143.98) in silver coin, making a total of Fifteen thousand Two hundred and Ninty-two 98/100 ($15.292.98) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No 1164 dated July 20th 1885, of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Messrs Schlicht and Field July 27th 1885
Rochester, N. Y.

Gentlemen

Please inform this Office when the Index to "Letters Received" will be ready for delivery.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram. Supt Mint, Philadelphia, Pa. July 27th 1885

You are authorized to receive Ten thousand ounces in South American coin forwarded by Fourth Natnl. Bank on account of their sales of fifteenth instant. Collect Govt rates.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

July 28th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the names of the Watchmen, Melter and Messenger retained on duty in the General department of your Mint with dates of appointment and of letters in which the same were submitted.
In the many changes that have taken place in the personnel of the mint during the past few months it would seem that the appointments of some of the watchmen employed have not been approved, the names of only three (3) appearing on the Official Register of this Office, since the latest changes.

I will also thank you to submit for removal the names of all employés that now stand suspended on the records of your mint, to take effect from the last day upon which service was performed by each.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street
New York.

July 28th 1885

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.
Chg Treasy Dept.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Jas B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall Street New York

July 28th 1885

Your offer accepted
Chg Treasy Dep.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Telegram J. Walsh & Son July 28th 1885
5 Wall Street
New York.
Your Offer accepted.
Confirmed Chg Treasury Dep. R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Cronise July 28th 1885
24 Nassau Street New York.
Your offer declined, will accept amount offered at one hundred seven and thirty hundredth cents per ounce fine.
Confirmed Chg Treasy Dept. R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Similar Telegrams sent to-
Fourth National Bank
Confirmed New York:
Jacob Newman,
Confirmed New Orleans, La.

Chas. W. Davis, Esq July 28th 1885
Farmville, Va.,

Sir:-

As requested in your note of the 21st instant, addressed to the Treasury Department and referred to this Office, I enumerate the following names of coin dealers, to whom, if disposed, you might apply for the information desired as to the value of the coinage of different dates.

Scott & Co. 721 Broadway, New York;
Robert W. Mercer 147 Central Ave. Cincinnati Ohio.
S. H. & H. C. Chapman 2009 Arch St. Philadelphia, Pa.,
John C. Schayer, 3 Devonshire St. Boston. Mass.

The Government pays no premium on coins.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Jacob G. Stufflebeam Esq. July 28th 1885

Delaney,

Madison Co. Ark.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 17th of July asking this Bureau to make a report on what you describe as mineral land in Madison Co., Arkansas, and to inform you whether the Government claims any interest in said land, &c. I have to say that your inquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior or to the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Homans Publishing Co. July 28th 1885

No. 351 Broadway,

New York.

P.O. Box 540.

Gentlemen;

I return herewith bill of your Company for subscripting to the Bankers Magazine for one year to June 1886. I will thank you to cause a new bill to be rendered, as this was erroneously endorsed, to be paid from the appropriation for 1885.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Joan C. Michels Esq. July 28th 1885

154 Seffert's Place

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 23d instant is

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received. In reply you are respectfully informed that no report on the production of the precious metals in the United States was compiled by this Bureau prior to the one for the calendar year 1880.

Copies of the Directors reports for the fiscal years 1873 and 1879 can only be obtained, if at all, only from second hand book stores.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director. ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 28th 1885.

Sir:-

In order to correctly classify the deposits and purchases at the Philadelphia Mint it is desirable to know whether the re-deposits of 88.264.11 ounces of silver "N.Y.A.O." bars on the Statement of Deposits and Purchases for May, and 479.46 ounces on that for June, were "fine" or "impaired" bars

Please also inform this Office to which of the classifications already printed on the form the entry on the June report of 47.424.86 ounces (silver) "bars transfer" more properly belongs.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director. ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 28th 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for Official use have been mailed you this day - viz:- over -

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1000 Memorandums of Gold Bullion #42.c.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint. July 28th 1885
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of.

J. B. Colgate & Co.	30.000	ounces at	#1.0735
Clark Dodge & Co.	50.000	" "	#1.0730
" " " "	25.000	" "	#1.0733
J. Walsh & Son.	10.000	" "	#1.0710

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Elmer R. Reynolds, M.D. July 28th 1885
Smithsonian Institute.

Sir:-

Your request for a copy of the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States during the Calendar year 1884 addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and dated 22d instant, has been received and your name placed on the list of those to whom the report will be sent when ready for distribution.

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The Report is now being printed, and will probably be issued from the press in the course of a few weeks.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 29. 1885.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith duplicate Certificate No 10303, dated New York, July 11, 1885, covering the transfer from the Bullion Fund of your Mint of One hundred and six thousand, eight hundred and seventy silver dollars ($106,870) standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

You will make the proper entries in your accounts referring to this certificate as your voucher for so doing.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 29th 1885.

Sir:-

I return herewith specimen envelope enclosed with your letter of the 22d inst requesting to be furnished with a supply.

Requisitions for stationery must be made on the regular form, and I will thank you to make your requisition cover the quantity required for the use of your mint for the six months ending Dec 31, 1885. An inventory of quantity on hand, and samples of paper and envelopes, wanted.

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should accompany the requisition.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Coast &
Geodetic Survey &
Weights & Measures,
Washington D.C.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

I have received a set of coin weights for the Philadelphia Mint and a set of standard grain weights (from 1000 grains to 0.01 grain) for this Office, as per advices contained in your letter of the 2d instant.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver Col.

July 29th 1885

Amount for July expenses having been advanced to Wilson, and are charged on books of the Department with same, the account for its disbursement must be rendered by him. You can approve the bills and he pay them. See letter of July 25th

Confirmed

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

I have this day requested that the bullion fund of your office be increased $50,000.- by a transfer of this amount, and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 18th instant stating that since the first instant you have deducted the cost of transporting gold bullion to the U. S. Assay Office at New York from the value of each deposit, and that since the deduction for express charges have been made, you have shipped no bullion to New York for the reason that no instructions have been received by you concerning the method you should pursue in regard to paying the charges of the Express Company.

In reply I would state that in making shipments, you should pay the amount deducted for transportation from the deposits contained in each

shipment. I can see no objection to your paying the charges in the manner proposed.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt U. S. Mint July 29th 1885
New Orleans, La.

Receive from Jacob Newman Ten thousand Ounces of Silver at One hundred seven and three tenths cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint July 29th 1885
New Orleans La.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Jacob Newman 10.000 ounces @ $1.0730

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa,

Handy & Cronise 100.000 ozs @ $1.0730.
Fourth National Bk 20,000. . $1.0730

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 29 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward to this office by return mail statement (forme 2332) of balance of bullion & coin belonging to and the condition of bullion accounts as appears from the books of your mint at the close of business June 30. 1885.

I will also thank you to forward form #93 for June showing the balance of silver on hand, the amount purchased and the amount used in coinage, sold in sweeps, leaving the Melter and Refiner's silver wastage subject to future adjustment.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 28th instant enclosing copy of a letter from the Melter and Refiner in reference to the quantity of aqua fortis on hand for cleaning cents and suggesting that the same be disposed of. In reply I would state that as at present advised, I do not deem it advisable to sell the same as old material, but if you can make an equitable exchange for other acids with the contractors now supplying your Mint, you are authorized to do so.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

Your action reported in letter of yesterday, in causing a reprint to be made of Medal circular #47. is hereby approved. Your attention is called to the fact that this circular belongs to the Schedule of blank forms & blank books of this Bureau and would have been printed at the Government Establishment here without cost to you, upon written request to this office, the same as in the case of other blanks. Please find enclosed original and proof copies.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

July 29. 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day viz:-
1000 Requisitions for fine gold bars No 363.
1000 Abstract clerks receipts No. 143.
1000 Memorandum of Silver bullion deposited #44

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

July 29th 1885

Sir:-

I forward by express to day one set of United States Standard Coin Weights, manufactured by the Bureau of Weights &

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measures for the use of the Philadelphia Mint and furnished in compliance with the request of the Superintendent under date of the 13th of February, 1880.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

E. O. Leach — July 29. 1880

Care U. S. Mint
San Francisco,

New York balance transferred by Certificate Deposit dated July eleventh. Have forwarded duplicate by mail.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

E. H. Burton Esq — July 29 1880

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:—

I enclose herewith duplicate Certificate No 10302, dated New York, July 11, 1880, covering the transfer from the Bullion Fund of your Mint of two hundred and six thousand silver dollars ($206.000) standing to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

You will make the proper entries in your accounts, referring to this certificate as your voucher for so doing.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon Daniel Manning, July 29 1885
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50.000.) by a transfer of this amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, same address-
Transfer $50.000. in bar. Supt. U. O.

Supt U. S. Mint July 30th 1885
Carson Nev.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Refinery Statistical & Coinage of Standard Dollars accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1885

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint July 30th 1885
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward without delay statements showing the number of ounces of gold and silver operated upon in the refinery (Form #95) of your Mint for the month of March, May & June 1885

Very respectfully R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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C. J. Collins, Esq.
Care Supt. M. C. R. R.
El Paso, Texas.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 28th instant, asking for a quotation for Mexican Silver dollars, and to be advised where to ship them, has been received.

Under the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury of July 14th (a copy of which is enclosed herewith) foreign silver in the form of coin is no longer purchased by the Treasury Department.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director. ✓

Supt U. S Assay Office
New York.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:-
13 Assayers Record of Samples.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director. ✓

Similar letter to
Supt. Mint San Francisco, Cal.
50 Affidavits of Surety,
25 Bonds. ✓

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
St Louis, Mo.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

The leave of absence requested in your letter of the 27th inst for three (3)

days from the 3rd proviso is hereby approved, H. M. Davis will act as Assayer in charge during your absence

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon Daniel Manning
Secretary of the Treasury.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans La. be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars. ($1,000,000.00) by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

N.O. Cancelled

Similar letter sent to
Supt. New Orleans Mint.

Daniel M. Fox, Esq.
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 28th instant, and letter from this office of the 24th inst. in regard to detention of the pay of a salaried employé or clerk while on leave, I transmit herewith the opinion of the Solicitor covering the questions submitted by you.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

July 30th 1885

Sir:-

The amount of Silver purchased from the Fourth National Bank of New York was 20.000 ounces as erroneously stated in my letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball.
Director.

N. P. Blake Esq.
Mill Rock,
New Haven, Conn.,

July 31st 1885

Sir:-

I send you by express to day originals and proofs of forty-two illustrations to your article in the for the coming Report on the production of the Precious metals in the United States.

Please examine and return them at your early convenience.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

July 31st 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 30th ultimo addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and in order to avoid the expense and annoyance of an examination, it seems to me to be advisable, especially if not shown to be necessary by proofs satisfactory, in the first instance to yourself, that you should take the responsibility of acting in the

matter, and recommend such removals and appointments as you feel to be requisite under the circumstances.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram. Clark Dodge & Co. July 31st 1885
51 Wall Street
New York.

Your Offer declined, Will accept same at One hundred seven and twenty five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Similar letter sent to
Fourth National Bank
New York
Zimmerman & Forshay
Confirmed 19 Wall St. New York.

Clark Dodge & Co July 31st 1885
51 Wall Street
New York
Deliver at Philadelphia
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

R. B. Harrison July 31st 1885
Assayer in charge
Helena Mont.

Sir:-

The Helena Assay Office pay roll of workmen for May, 1885, (the last received,) amounts to $1.187.00, and as the list of

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employés forwarded for insertion in the Biennial Register as of July 1st includes every name on the May roll the inference is that this amount is still, at least for some time to be expended monthly, notwithstanding that each month it will exceed by $187. the pro rata of $1.000 allowed by the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1886. The sums which Congress appropriates, of course, are all it is proper to use for the purposes specified, and therefore any future nominations for appointments to positions in the Assay Office under your charge can be approved only after such an adjustment of the compensation to be paid the entire force as shall not aggregate more for wages of workmen" than twelve thousand dollars per annum.

In view of these circumstances the appointment of H. L. Walker as Assistant and Messenger, submitted in your letter of May 1st upon which no action has been taken by this Office, is not approved.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 31. 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the

Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Clark Dodge & Co. 50.000 a $1.0725

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

G. Montegut, Esq.
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

July 31. 1885

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars ($1.000.000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York in sums of $200.000. as required.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

July 31 1885

Two hundred thousand dollars placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer New York to day.

Confirmed

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Superintendent U. S Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

July 31. 1885

The changes and appointments submitted in Burlons letter twentieth instant and your telegram of yesterday approved from 1st proximo.

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram — E. O. Leech — July 31 1885

Care U. S. Mint

San Francisco, Cal.

With reference to your letter of eighteenth inst, return to Washington after completion of duties at San Francisco, without going to Carson.

Jas P. Kimball.

Director. ✓

Confirm

Telegram — Supt U. S. Mint — July 31 1885

San Francisco, Cal.

Draping Mint approved at an expense not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars

Confirmed

Very respectfully

Jas P. Kimball

Director. ✓

Telegram — E. F. Burton — July 31 1885

Supt U. S. Mint

San Francisco Cal.

Adjusters not furloughed, and reporting for duty, are entitled to pay

Very respectfully

Jas P. Kimball ✓

The Hon. Secretary of — August 1 1885

The Treasury.

Sir:-

The purchase of silver bullion at Carson, Nevada, for coinage into standard dollars was suspended "until further notice" by the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury May 8, and was discontinued indefinitely by him June 11, 1885.

These orders practically closed the Mint in that city. Operations, indeed, had not been resumed since March 8, the date of death of the former Superintendent.

Unless it be the intention of the Department to amend or modify the instructions referred to, I respectfully suggest for your consideration the propriety of suspending from office the Miner of the Mint at Carson, who was appointed March 20. 1885, and for whom no specific duties remain.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

L. L. Robinson Esq. August 1 1885
Pres't. Miners Association
320 Sansome Street,
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:-

Your communication of July 16th addressed to B. Murray, Esq, of San Francisco, has been referred to me. I have read it with great interest, and would be glad to be kept informed of any progress that may be made in the question.

With regard to one special subject, referring directly to matters coming under the observation of this office, it would be very interesting to me to be furnished with some sort of an approximate estimate of the quantity of gold supposed to be mined by Chinese miners from washings. With reference to this question it would be interesting to have any information which bears upon the clandestine shipment of gold at the hands of the Chinese in California, whether produced by themselves and uncoined or in the form of coin from earnings.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Israel Lawton, Esq.
Supt. of the Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 1st 1885.

Sir:-

The following awards for supplies required by your mint, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1886 submitted in the letter of your predecessor of June 25th 1885. are approved:

To Yates & Co.

Coal Oil (ordinary)	30¢	per gallon
Benzine	16	" "
Black Asphaltum Varnish	57½	" "
Alcohol	$2.18	" "
Litharge	5½	" lb.
Tallow (refined)	8½	" "
Cotton Waste	10½	" "

E. A. Scott,

Charcoal	$13.25	per ton of 20.000 lbs

Thomas Morton

Oak wood	$7.20	" Cord
Coke (S.F.)	49	" 100 lbs.

J. Macdonough & Co.

Anthracite Egg Coal	$9.	" ton of 20.000 lbs.
English Cannel "	$8.20	" " " "
English Coke	$10.71	" " " "

James Alexander

Red Wood 4 X 4	$6.80	" cord " "
" (Split)	$6.80	" "
" (Kindling)	$6.80	" "

Perine & Flinn

Cumberland Coal	$8.10	" ton of 20.000 lbs

H. M. Heineman.

White Rubber Gauntlets	$1.82	per	pair

G. G. Conklin & Co.

Buck Gloves (86444)	$13.75	"	dozen
" Driving "	$13.00	"	"
Sealskin "	$12.00	"	"

John Barlow

Rock Salt	$3.12½	"	ton

Steiger & Kerr

Iron Castings (rough)	5¢	"	lb.
Chilled Rolls	8¢	"	"

G. W. Mather

Refined Borax	6¼¢	"	"

Golden City Chemical works

C. P. Nitric Acid	30¢	"	"
" " Sulph "	30¢	"	"

Judson & Shepard

Nitric Acid 38° Baumé	4⅓¢	"	"
Sulph " 63° "	2¢	"	"
" " 66° "	3¢	"	"

Sandees & Co.

Copper Work	59¢	"	"

Thomas H. Selby & Co.

Sheet Lead	8¢	"	"
Lead Pipe	7¾¢	"	"
Refined Iron (asst.d sizes)	3¼¢	"	"
Norway " "	4½¢	"	"

Morrow & Strong

Refined Bar Lead	10¢	"	"

John Taylor & Co.

Bone Ash (fine)	$3.75	"	"
Fr Clay Crucibles #13	3.00	"	dozen
Bi Carbonate Soda	4¢	"	lb.
Bone Black	5¢	"	"
Black Lead Crucibles Dia. #14 & upwards	$3.00 per 100 nos.		
" " " #2	45¢ each		

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Black Lead Crucibles (Dixons)	$10.43	each
" " "	$8.33	"
" " "	$6.30	"
" " "	$5.27	"
" " "	$4.24	"
" " "	$3.21	"
" " "	$2.18	"
" " "	$1.13	"

John Taylor & Co.

Black Lead Crucibles Covered (Bass)	$18 & upwards	7½ per 100 Noc.
" " "	#16 18¢	each
" " "	#14 18¢	"
" " "	#12 18¢	"
" " "	#10 15¢	"
" " "	#8 15¢	"
" " "	#6 15¢	"
" " "	#5 10¢	"
" " "	#4 10¢	"
" " "	#3 10¢	"
" " "	#2 10¢	"
" " "	#1 10¢	"
Dixons B.L. Stove	60¢	"
" " Dippers	50¢	"
" " " [Mint pattern]	55¢	"

Justinian Caire

Bone Ash #2	$36.00	per ton
Refined Saltpetre	10¢ "	lb.
Brimstone	3½¢ "	"
Concentrated Amonia	21¢ "	"
Mufflers, Mint size 11x5x4	$10.80 "	dozen
Bridges	75¢ "	each
Matrasses	$2.00 "	dozen
Copperas	1¾¢ "	lb.

Sullivan & Raeke

Sperm Oil (pure)	99¢ "	gallon
Coal Oil (superfine)	24¢ "	"

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Turpentine	43¢	per	gallon
Pure White Lead in oil	5½¢	"	lb.
A. C. Dietz & Co.			
Lard Oil (pure)	69¢	"	gallon
S. J. Bass & Co.			
Castor Oil (pure)	$1.40¢	"	"
Boiled Linseed oil	53¢	"	"
Beeswax (pure)	25¢	"	lb.
Arthur W. Simpson			
Green Corn Brooms	$3.80	"	dozen
Floor Brushes	$24.00	"	"
Feather Dusters	$33.00	"	"
Nail Brushes	$9.00	"	"
Scrubbing "	$3.25	"	"
Whisp Brooms	$2.25	"	"
O. K. Parrit Dusters	$13.50	"	"
Paper Water Pails	$6.00	"	"
Dust Pans	$2.50	"	"
Mops	$3.20	"	"
Mop Handles	$2.20	"	"
Painters Dusters	$6.25	"	"
Lake & Co.			
Nail Brushes	$5.90	"	"
Dust "	$4.50	"	"
Oak Stable Buckets	$9.75	"	"
Wool Sponges	$2.10	"	"
#48 B. C. Prime	23½¢	"	"
White Castile Soap	11½¢	"	"
Toilet Soap	75¢	"	dozen
Feather dusters	$7.45	"	"
Levi Strauss			
10/4 Pequot Bz muslin	22½¢	"	yd
8/4 " " "	18¢	"	"
Pepperell Drill	7¾¢	"	"

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4/4 Indian Head Muslin	8¢ per	yard
7 oz Stark Duck	11½¢ "	"
#10 Woodbury "	20¢ "	"
Russia Crash	9¢ "	"
Crash Swilling	13½¢ "	"
3½ lb Economy Blankets	$1.20 per	pair
7 " Pacific "	$2.25 "	"

For the economical operation of your Mint it is necessary that the supplies delivered should be fully up to the standard required, and you will be particular to see that all parties with whom you may have contracts deliver none but those of the best quality and in case of failure on the part of any one to do so, the contract should be cancelled and proposals again invited for supplies of the same character.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 1st 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectfully named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Zimmerman & Forshay 10.000 @ 1.0725

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Insp. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 1. 1885

Sir:-

Your letters of the 27th and 30th ultimo in relation to absence upon the part of employés and requesting to be advised in relation thereto, have been received. In my opinion the practice of the department to which you refer is conservative and rather more favorable to the service than the paragraph of the Regulations relating to this subject.

Paragraph 13 of page 23, certainly authorizes in a negative way, full pay to an employé who furnishes a physician's certificate covering his absence. Of course discrimination should be made between an illness resulting from indiscretion and a disability actually incurred in the performance of duty. In the latter case it would seem but just that the employé should receive full pay for time lost, unless the incapacity should be unusually prolonged, while in cases of voluntary absence for a day or upwards, the time should in all cases be deducted from the leave granted by the regulation, or it should be without pay unless the leave has been exhausted. I would say in this connection that in the case of workmen, laborers and adjusters voluntarily making heavy overtime (amounting in many instances to the original pay and upwards) any disability resulting from the over-work should be regarded as due to indiscretion and any time lost in consequence should be charged against the employé

Per diem employés, being allowed extra compensation for every hour of

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overtime made, should be held strictly to the provisions of Par. III. Since it would be impossible to word a regulation that might not appear unjust in some cases that might arise, discretion should be used in enforcing them, regard being had to the fact that they are intended to protect the service from imposition and not to inflict unnecessary hardships upon the individual.

While I have expressed my opinions more fully than necessary upon this subject, I wish to remind you that the management and discipline of your mint are entirely under your discretionary control, subject to the printed "Regulations"

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 2. 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day. viz:-
100 Memorandums of Gold Bullion Deposited No 42 a.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

R. M. Brereton, Esq.
Gen Manager, Montana Co.
Marysville, Montana.

Aug 1. 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 20th ultimo and in reply would state that

in as much as there are no facilities for separating gold bullion at the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, it is not desirable that the Government should receive and pay for gold bullion containing so large a percentage of silver as that of your mine. Your best course to pursue to have your bullion separated, would appear to be to send it to the New York Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Prof. T. Egleston,
Columbia College
New York.

August 1st 1885

Sir:-

As to re-printing in pamphlet form the article which you prepared for the Report on the production of the Precious Metals in the United States for 1884 I would say that, inasmuch as the Report is nearly completed, it is more desirable not to issue detached portions of it. The impression that the whole volume may not be ready for distribution until December is erroneous.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball.
Director. ✓

Wm. Keyser, Esq.
Baltimore Copper Works
Baltimore, Md.

August 1. 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 19th ultimo enclosing copy of a letter addressed you by the Superintendent of the Mint at

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at Carson, Nev. awarding you, subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint, contract for supplying 20.000 lbs. best commercial copper at the rate of 14 6/10 ¢ per lb. delivered free of expense and requesting to be informed whether the transaction has my approval. In reply I would state that inasmuch as coining operations have been suspended at the Carson Mint by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, no copper will be required at that institution.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint. August 1st. 1885
New Orleans, La.,

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 22d. instant suggesting the use of anthracite coal for melting purposes instead of coak, I find that not only at the Philadelphia mint, but at the San Francisco Mint and the New York Assay Office, hand picked anthracite coal is used for melting purposes, being both more economical and cleanly than either coke or bituminous coal. The gratity of the coal referred to is that of the Upper Lehigh mines, and any aid you may wish in procuring proposals for the delivery of coal of this character at your mint, I will be pleased to extend.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 1st 1885

Sir:-

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Register of Deposit and Receipts for partial payment and as requested in your letter of the of the 29th ultimo copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

B. Murray, Jr. Esq.
The Bank of California
San Francisco.

August 1st 1885

Sir:-

I take pleasure in acknowledging, as I have done also to Mr. Robinson, your letter of July 18th enclosing one from L. S. Robinson, Esq. referred to me by Treasurer Jordan, to whom yours was addressed. I shall be very glad to have any further information on the same subject.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 3. 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz: 500 Schedules of checks issued Form 261. a

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Similar letter sent to

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C. ✓

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado ✓

Similar letter except mod draft - sent to -

U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho. ✓

U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont. ✓

U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo. ✓

Similar letter except name of blank -

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

1000 Requisitions for fine silver bars # 263. a
1000 Abstract Clerks receipts for silver depos. # 143. a
500 Assayer's Memorandums of Gold Deposits
2000 Minted Bullion deliveries # 262. ✓

Hon Daniel Manning August 3d 1885
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25.000.00) by

a transfer of that amount in gold coin or currency and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 3, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, ($9,894.50) in Gold Coin, and Ninety-eight $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars, ($98.06) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars, ($9992.56) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St Louis, Mo., as shown by Memoranda No. 1184 & 1185 dated July 23, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 3, 1885

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

You are authorized to accept proposal of William Keyser to furnish Twenty Thousand

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pounds of copper at Ten and one half cents delivered free of expense.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 3, 1885

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo enclosing forms 193 and 233, for the month of June, I have to call your attention to the fact that you appear to have concluded that the letter of this office of the 29th ultimo authorized the allowance for wastage of the difference between the amount of silver delivered to the Melter and Refiner during the year, and the amount returned by him on settlement.

It was not the intention of my letter of the 29th ultimo to authorize credit to be given him for the difference, as upon reference you will find that it was to be left to future adjustment. The amount of the stolen bars should be treated as a balance still in his hands unaccounted for. It will probably be necessary that you open a suspense account in which this item may be entered until a definite settlement of the matter has been made.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 3, 1885

Sir: I enclose herewith check of First

National Bank of Adams, Massachusetts, upon the Importers' and Traders' National Bank of New York, for two hundred dollars, together with a letter in which the request is made that $100 in one-cent pieces and a like amount in five-cent nickels be forwarded.

As it appears from your statements that there is in coin a large amount of one-cent pieces on hand you are authorized to forward $100 in such coin, and, as you have no five-cent pieces, to return $100 in money to the Cashier of the Bank.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 3, 1885

Sir:

I will thank you to forward without delay statement of Deposits and Purchases of gold and silver bullion and Domestic Production for the months of May and June.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

August 3, 1885

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty-five thousand Dollars, ($25,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, in gold coin or currency.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N.C.

August 3, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this office and in reply I have to state that you are authorized to spend a sum not exceeding $25.00 in draping the Assay Office building, payment for the same to be made from the appropriation for contingent expenses.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N.C.

August 3, 1885

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31, 1885.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
St Louis, Mo.

August 3, 1885.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memoranda No. 1184 and 1185 dated July 23, 1885 of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Shipments No. 25 and 26 dated July 21st, 1885, and find the gross value to be $10013.79, charges $21.23, and net value $9992.56, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Office to that

of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3, 1885

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st ultimo, enclosing check for two hundred dollars, has been received. It should have been addressed to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint instead of this Office.

I have this day transmitted the check enclosed by you to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to send you $100. in one cent pieces and to return you $100. in cash as there are no five-cent nickels on hand at that institution and the coinage has been suspended. No doubt you can procure them from the Assistant Treasurer at Boston.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

H. H. Wellington, Esq.,
Cashier First National Bank,
Adams, Mass.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.,
London, England.

August 3, 1885

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter received at this Office from the publishers of the "Journal des Economistes", calling attention to the fact that the subscription of this Office had expired. I find upon examination that the amount of the subscription to this journal for 1885 was included in a bill of exchange for 13£, 11s, 2d in your favor, drawn by Messrs Riggs & Co. of this city and remitted you May last.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston Acting Director.

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Telegram Clark Dodge & Co. August 4th 1885
51 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia.

Confirmed Chg Treasy Dept.

Similar letters sent to Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. Colo.
" " except (Phila.) Fourth National Bank, New York

J. B. Colgate & Co. August 4th 1885
47 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer declined, Will accept amount offered at one hundred seven and forty five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to Handy & Cronese.

Prof. Thomas Egleston August 4th 1885
Columbia College

Sir:-

I enclose herewith Treasury draft #398 for #30.00 drawn to your order in payment of your bill for preparing a paper on "the separation of silver and gold from black copper at Okes, for the Director's report on Mining Statistics for 1884.

Please acknowledge receipt,

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 4, 1885

Sir:-

In order to reach a conclusion on the subject of your communication of the 31st ultimo I should like to have further information from you in regard to the character of the rooms you propose to occupy as a residence. I desire particularly to know whether they were originally intended for the purposes of a dwelling; whether supplied with kitchen &c. and what their present use is, in whole or in part; also what changes would be rendered necessary to the present occupants, or departments now occupying them.

It would seem that rooms available for the purposes that you name should have been originally constructed for these purposes and be more or less detached from the operating rooms of the Mint.

It seems also that the discontinuance of the use of these rooms as a dwelling was prompted by gross abuses on the part of former occupants, which were made the subject of investigation by the former Director at the close of 1882.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans, the following dies; viz:
Two (2) Obverse Half Eagle

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Two (2) Reverse Half Eagle,

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4 1885

Sir:-

I have to request that you will cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans, the following dies; viz:-

Two (2) Obverse Eagle
Two (2) Reverse Eagle

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to the Ordinary Expense Account of your predecessor for the month of June. I desire to inquire as to the necessity for the purchase of the Ajax Coining Press which I find charged therein and whether the price paid $12.500 was reasonable or excessive. The purchase was made from the Orr Hess Machine Co. who have two other bills in the same account for castings, annealing plates, grate bars, draw bench chains, repairs to machinery, labor &c. aggregating upwards of $3000. I will thank you to make inquiry into the necessity for these purchases, also, and to report to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

I notice among the vouchers accompanying your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June a bill of W. F. Murphy's Sons for $3.67.29. This bill is largely composed of items for Stationery blank books, printing &c. the purchase of which was unauthorized except in a few instances. I will thank you to explain why timely requisition was not made upon the department for these supplies instead of paying for them from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward as early as practicable, statement showing amount of silver purchased and delivered at your Mint, and cost of same, during the month of July.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 4. 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint,

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of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in Silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit:- of-

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.	25,000 oz. @	$1.0746
Fourth National Bank N.Y.	50,000 " "	1.0750
Clark Dodge & Co.	50,000 " "	1.0742
" " "	25,000 " "	1.0745

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

Have been expecting report on adaptation of treasury vaults; who is in possession? Answer.

Will be in Philadelphia

Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Confirmed Coll. Govt rates.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 4. 1885

Sir:-

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of July and forwarded to this Office for special assay have been received, viz:-

9 Standard Silver Dollars $9.-

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Similar letter sent to N. O. Mint.

2. Standard Silver Dollars ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 4th 1884

Sir:-

The number of standard silver dollars required to be coined by your mint during the current month, will be 600.000 pieces.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter to Philadelphia except amount- 1.800.000 pieces.

Otto Greenhood Esq.
Lick House,
San Francisco.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 25th ultimo, enclosing an account for ten days service as clerk in the Mint at Carson, at $7- per day, has been received.

This bill is respectfully returned, that it may be forwarded through the regular channels bearing such endorsement as the Superintendent of the Carson Mint may think proper to make.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

H. Silver Esq
late Assayer in charge
U. S Mint, Denver Col.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

C/D. #76. for $284.98, being on account of salaries U. S. Mint Denver, 1885 inclosed in your communication of the 28th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and

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forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amounts to be covered into the Treasury as a re-payment to the above appropriation.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar except No + amt of C/O.

C/O #77 for $861.25 on a/c Wages of Workmen.
" #78 " $463.29 " " Contingent Expenses.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
New York.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:-

1 Receipt book of gold bars delivered to the Superintendent.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

J. M. Floyd, Esq.
Office Assist Treasurer
New York.

August 4. 1885

Sir:-

Your bill of the 17th ultimo for one copy of "Table of Parities" purchased for the use of this office, amounting to $6.00 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Joseph Ullman, Esq.
109-161 Mercer St.
New York.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

Your bill of the 1st ultimo for one Calculating Machine purchased for the use of this office amounting to $100.00 has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of a few days a draft will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to
Charlotte Gas Light Co.
Gas for Month of June 1885. amtg to $3.00
apd + refd.

F. M. F. Cazin, Esq.
Ely, Vermont.

August 5th 1885

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst. I have to thank you for your offer of a treatise on concentration of ores, etc; but as the report of the Bureau will probably relate less to mines and metallurgical processes than to the statistics proper of the precious metals, I do not as yet see any provision for the publication of such papers.

It occurs to me to suggest, however, that if you place yourself in correspondence with Mr. Albert Williams of the Geological Survey, you may accomplish the object of your letter to this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.,

Aug 5th 1885.

Did you receipt to your predecessor for funds standing to his official credit with the First National and Colorado National Banks? Answer.

Confirmed

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Cols.

August 6th 1885.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the quarter ending June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Abe Sagnon, Esq.
Muskegon Mich.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

Replying to your note of July 31st addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to inform you that one-cent pieces with the representation of an eagle are worth no more as coins of the United States than the value which is indicated upon them in coining.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Judge R. M. Hughes August 5. 1885
Norfolk, Va.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st. instant, requesting a copy of the tables on the course of prices to be printed in the appendix to the forthcoming volume on the production of the precious metals in the United States, has been received.

It is expected that the report will be issued from the press at an early day, and its distribution will follow. Meanwhile your name has been placed on the list of those who are to have copies sent them.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint August 5th. 1885
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first and one subsequent delivery in each week at your Mint during the month of June 1885 and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of toleranee

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
" " " San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt U. S. Mint. August 8th 1885
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo requesting that two pair of Eagle dies be forwarded to you and that you be authorized to coin up the gold bullion to the extent of the ingots now on hand at your Mint. As it is regarded preferable that you should coin half eagles instead of eagles, I have directed the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to cause two pair of half eagle dies to be prepared and forwarded, and you are authorized to coin such gold bullion as you now have on hand into half eagles, at such times as will not interfere with the monthly coinage of silver dollars allotted your mint.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint August 8th 1885
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing copy of a letter from the Melter and Refiner stating that he had tested two kinds of coal for melting purposes, that furnished by G. B. Newlon & Co. and by H. C. Cook. and that there was a marked difference in the quality. From the report of the Melter and Refiner it appears that the quality of the coal furnished by Mr. Cook, who was the lowest bidder, is unsuitable for melting purposes, while that furnished by G. B. Newlon & Co. the next lowest, at $5.30 per

low, is far superior and much more economical in every respect. Your recommendation that the proposal of Mr. Cook be rejected and that the contract for melting-coal required during the current fiscal year be awarded to Newton & Co. the next lowest bidders is approved.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 5th 1885

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, I return herewith forms 193 and 232 for correction, in order that the amounts taken up herein as "wastage" may be re-stated and carried in a expense account to be opened by you covering the item of the Melter and Refiner's silver wastage for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885. I will thank you to return the forms to this Office at early as practicable.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon Daniel Manning
, Secretary of the Treasury

August 5. 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars. $1,000,000.- by a transfer of that amount in Standard Silver Dollars, and that the same be

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placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the U. S. Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar with exception of word requested, sent to Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 5th 1885

Sir:-

My attention has been called to the fact that the lower grades of employés of your Mint suffer hardship in consequence of being paid only once in a month.

In view of the fact that the matter of obtaining credit is somewhat difficult to most of these people and that in cases where it is extended the tradesman, to protect himself invariably charges more for his merchandize than would be asked if payment was made in cash, it seems to me only just that they should be paid at shorter intervals. I therefore think it advisable, unless there is some reason to the contrary of which I am not informed, that at least the workmen, laborers and adjusters of your mint be paid semi-monthly. Payments in this Department are made in this manner and it is believed that clerks, generally are greatly benefited thereby.

I will be pleased to hear from you upon this subject and if there is no serious objection I will authorize the system of semi-monthly payments to be

adopted.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery & Statistical Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending June 30th 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

First Auditor
Treasury Department

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Refinery Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending June 30th 1885. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except account

Statistical Account for two months ending June 30 1885.
Ordinary Expense " " May. Helena Assay Office

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James P. Kimball — August 7th 1885
Everett, Bedford Co. Penn.

Supervising Architect absent; will not return until Monday.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Charge U. S. Treasury Dept.

R. B. Harrison, Esq. — August 6th 1885
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending May 31st 1885, with my approval, except the pay-roll of employés which again contains an over-payment of $6.50 to Walter Scott. This amount I recommend to be disallowed.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar except Accounts-to
San Francisco Cal.
Ordinary, Refinery Expense for June 30th 1885

L. B. Colwell, Esq. — August 6th 1885
61 Dorrence Street
Providence, R. I.

Sir:-

The following Reports of the Director of the Mint have been mailed to you this day, as requested in your letter of the 4th instant.
Annual Report for fiscal year 1878.

also department circular No 145.
dated Jan. 1, 1874. showing weight, fineness, and value in U. S. Money of foreign coins.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint August 6th 1885
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following awards for Supplies required by your Mint during the current fiscal year are approved, viz:-

James S. Watson & Son. Iron

Best American bar, regular sizes	2 2/10	c per lb.
" Swede iron " "	4 3/4	" "
" Norway " " "	5 3/4	" "
" Hoop " " "	2 3/4	" "
" Band " " "	2 3/4	" "
" Galvanized Sheet " " "	8 3/4	" "
Copper		
Sheet Copper, regular sizes	22	" "
" Brass " " **Brass**	22	" "
Roll Brass " "	22	" "
Lead		
Pig, commercially pure	4 1/2	" "
Shot lead " "	6 3/4	" "
Zinc		
Bertha spelter " "	8 1/2	" "
Hardware		
Cut nails assorted in kegs	$2.65	" keg
Tacks, Swede iron assorted	50	" doz pcs
Rasps, first quality #6	1.15	" "
" " " #8	1.50	" "
" " " #10	2.25	" "
" " " #12	3.00	" "
Locks, rim lock # 4	1.25	" "

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Locks, rim lock #4/c	$1.30	per doz.
Mortise " #3	1.20	" "
" " #3½	1.27	" "
Closet " #3½	60¢	" "
Drawer " #2¼	40"	" "
" " #2½	50"	" "
Springs "Gandy Lock Co."	95"	" pairs
Hooks, hat and coat	30"	" " "
Butts, assorted loose joints	30"	" " pr.
" " fast "	30"	" " "
Strap + T hinges assorted	45"	" " "
Square head bolts "	9"	" " "
Washers "	2"	" " "
Cast steel wire "	10"	" lb.
Copper wire rope	6"	" ft.
Rings " "	3"	" doz.
J. W. Baker "Consumers" Ice Co.		
Ice.	$4.25	" ton
Harold R. Lewis + Co. Oils and Lubricators		
Lard	7¢	" lb.
" beef kettle rendered	15"	" "
" Oil	51"	" gal
" " prime	73"	" "
" " winter white prime	90"	" "
Tallow	6"	" lb.
" cylinder	7"	" "
" " double refined	11"	" "
Soaps		
Walletts soap	8½	" "
Dobbins electric	10½	" "
Stevenson, Bro. + Co. Oil		
Crescent cylinder "	48"	" gal
Charles Lennig + Co. "Limited" Chemicals		
Nitric Acid 40°b. best com. quality	$4.39½	" lb.
Aqua fortis " " " " "	3.97½	" "
Refined borax	9¢	" "

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Soda Ash.		2 1/4¢	per	lb.
Savage & Stowell	Acids & Chemicals			
Fused Borax		65¢	"	"
Harrison Bros & Co.	" "			
Muriatic Acid 21° B.		$1.05	"	"
Granville B. Hains	Dry Goods			
Sponge Cloths		9.00	"	gross
Twine, hank & ball		35¢	"	lb.
John Wanamaker	Dry Goods			
Duck for bags		9"	"	yd
Muslin " "		6 1/4"	"	"
Ticking		10 3/8"	"	"
Thread (Raleigh)		94¢	"	lb.
Crash		9¢	"	yd
John R. Rowand	Charcoal			
Oak Charcoal		16 3/4¢	"	bushel
Pine "		16 3/4"	"	"
Granulated Oak "		2 "	"	lb.
Pulverized "		350 "	"	bushel
The Van Hagen Mfg Co.	Soaps			
Detersive	"	6 9/10 "	"	lb.
The Chas Mc. Keone & Son Mfg Co.	Soaps.			
Diamond Dust or Sand Soap		4¢	"	"
White Castile		$9.12	"	gross
Gustav N. Borst	Soap			
Borax Soap		10¢	"	lb.
Henry K. Van Dusen	Fire Brick & Fire Clay			
Fire Brick No 1.		$29.00	per	M
" clay " "		$1.90	"	bbl.
John T. White & Son	Wood			
Oak Wood		$8.87	"	cord
Pine		7.62	"	"
Tile Wm. Haney & Co	Gloves		"	dozen pr.
Gents mitts, No 1.		9.25	"	" "
Mary L. Ashford	"			
Mens buckskin	"	18.00	"	" "

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Ladies Buckskin gloves $12.00 per doz pr.
Buckskin Mitts #2 16.00 " " "

Branem & Bro. Coal
Lehigh broken coal for generating Steam 4.25 " ton

George B. Norton & Co. Coal
Council Ridge broken coal for mills & pumps 5-30 " "

Thomas Williams Jr. & Co. Lumber
White pine boards assorted $13. $20. $60. per M
Walnut $40., $180. " "
Ash $17.50, $35., $90. " "
Bass Wood $17.50, 40. " "

Elias Pohl Lumber
Yellow Pine Boards $18 to $34 per M
" " Scantling $18 " $23. " "
Planed shelving for boxes $19.39 " "

Pickering & Colecott Brushes "
Dust brushes $4.20 " doz.
Hand $7.00 " "
Scrub " Nos. 25 at $1.60 No 10 gray 1.40 " "
White Wash brushes 11.90 " "
Pavement " 4.25 " "
Short bristles " 4.50 " "
Floor swaps 9.80 " "
Hand dusters 7.50 " "
Corn brooms 2.70 " "

E. Clinton & Co. Brushes
Feather Dusters $21.60 " "

William Healon Belts
Rubber 2 in to 16 in from 8¢ to 72¢ per foot.
Leather, double, 1½ in. to 16 in from 18¢ to $1.24 per foot
" , single " " " " " 7¢ " 97 " "

D. P. Dietrick Gloves & Mittens
Rubber Gloves, ordinary 24.00 per doz.
" Acid gloves, extra qual 48.00 " "
Mens rubber mittens double thumb & pad $36.00 " "
In as much as the borax soap furnished

by Francis Conway's Sons, to whom the award was made, has upon trial proved unsuitable for the mint service, you are authorized to award the contract to the next lowest bidder, Gustav W. Borck.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:-

3,000 Assayers Reports on Silver Bullion fine sizes.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Actg Director

Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

C/D. No 152 for $13.601.86 being on account of Contingent expenses U. S. Mint, San Francisco, 1885 enclosed in your communication of the 28th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a re-payment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Similar letter except amt + number of C/D.
C/D #153 for $30.20 25 on a/c Wof W.
C/D #154 " $29.75 " " Contgt Exp's

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Statistical expense accounts for the 2 months ending June 30th 1885. with my approval.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

The Honorable
The Secretary of
The Treasury.

August 6th 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to state that there is due Norman H. Camp, late Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for Salary from April 1st to May 14th inclusive, 1885, the sum of two hundred forty-one dollars and seventy-two cents ($241.72), and that as Mr. Camp is largely in arrears to the Government on account of moneys placed in his hands under Section 3545 of the Revised Statutes to make payment for deposits of gold bullion, I have to respectfully request that an account be stated in his favor for the amount of salary due him for the period named and that the same be paid to the Treasurer of the United States, and that Mr. Camp be given credit for such sum as a transfer from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise to the Treasurer of the United States.

There is a sufficient sum standing to the credit of the appropriation for "Salaries, Assay Office at Boise City 1885" to pay the amount due Mr. Camp for salary.

Very respectfully R. E. Preston
Actg Director.

The Honorable
The Secretary of
The Treasury

August 6. 1885

Sir:-

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that to alter the vaults in the new Post Office building which it is proposed to set aside for the storage of standard silver dollars will cost from $800. to $1.000 With the necessary alterations it is estimated that from twelve to eighteen millions standard dollars could be stored in these vaults.

In view of the crowded and unsafe condition of the vaults in the Philadelphia Mint and the absolute necessity for room to store the silver dollars which continue to accumulate by reason of the amount required by law to be coined monthly, I have to respectfully request that you will direct that the alterations in the vaults referred to be made without delay.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

N. P. Blake Esq.
Mill Rock
New Haven, Conn.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

On the 31st ultimo the Director forwarded to your address, by express, for examination, originals and proofs of the illustrations to the article prepared by you for the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States during the calendar year 1884.

Please inform me whether the drawings have been received, and how soon their

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return may be expected.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director. ✓

Clark Dodge & Co. August 7th 1885
57 Wall St, New York.
Deliver at Philadelphia.
R. E. Preston
Charge Treasury. Acting Director. ✓

Jas B. Colgate & Co. August 7th 1885
47 Wall Street
New York.
Your Offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director ✓

Clark Dodge & Co August 7th 1885
51. Wall St. New York
Your offer declined. Will accept amount offered at one hundred seven and one half cents per ounce fine. ✓
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.
Similar letter to Handy & Cornice ✓

J. Walsh & Son August 7th 1885
New York.
Will extend time
R. E Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending June 30, 1885

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

A. W. Smyth, Supt. N. O. Mint.
Similar letter except accounts
Standard Silver Dollar a/cs for June 30th 1885.

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 2th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased during the month of July, has been received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th instant transmitting statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the fiscal year ended June 30 1885. Under the Act of May 26. 1882. has been received

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York City

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

I return herewith the pay roll of officers and clerks belonging to your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June 1885. It will be observed that the name of O. Warners is entered O. Warren.

Please cause correction to be made and return.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th instant returning forms #193 and #232, corrected, has been received.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 7th 1885

Sir:-

The Assayer of this Bureau has forwarded per Adams Express one box containing 439.6 ozs gold bullion - 182.87 ozs silver bullion, resulting from the assay of coins sent to this Bureau from the several mints for special test, the carriage value of which I will thank you to return him free of charge and as early as practicable.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit:- of-

Handy & Cronise	100.000 ozs	@	$1.0750
Clark Dodge & Co.	50.000 "	"	1.0750

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

August 4th 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum #1242 dated August 3rd 1885 of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment #27 dated July 31st 1885 and find the gross value to be $10.265.38 charges $41.50 and net value $10.223.88 for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Letter asking for transfer of above sent to Secretary of Treasury.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 10th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 3rd instant purporting to be a reply to one of the 28th ultimo, from this office, I respectfully desire to call your attention to the fact that your letter is not an answer to the one in question. I will thank you, upon receipt of this to cause the letter to be re-examined and answered as requested.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

August 10th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending July 31st 1885

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except Accounts sent to
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.
Ordinary & Refinery Exp. A/c. Abstracts & vouchers for July.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

August 10th 1885

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day.
Registers Petty Bills.

R. E. Preston
Act'g Director

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N. C.

August 10th 1885

Sir.-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1885, has been approved for the sum of $337.70 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current year. viz:

Salaries	1885	$281.70
Contingent Expenses	"	$100.00

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar except amount sent to

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.,

Salaries	1885	$1,000
Wages of Workmen	"	1,000
Contingent Expenses	"	500
		$2,500

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mon.

Salaries	1885	$800.
Wages of Workmen	"	$1,000
Contingent Expenses	"	$1000
		$2,800

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York,

Salaries	1885.	$3,300.
Wages of Workmen	"	2,100.
Contingent Expenses	"	800.
		$6,200

Supt U. S Mint
New Orleans, La.,

Salaries	1885	$2,800
Wages of Workmen	"	9,000

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Contingent Expenses	1885	$30.00
Supt U. S. Mint,		$14,800
Philadelphia, Pa.		
Salaries	1885	$4,000
Wages of Workmen	"	20,000
	"	$24,000
Supt U. S. Mint		
San Francisco, Cal.		
Salaries	1885	$4,000
Wages of Workmen	"	20,000
Contingent Expenses	"	5,000
		$29,000
St. Louis, Mo.		
Salaries	1885	$294.80
Contingent Expenses		125.00
		$419.80

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

August 10 1885

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion".

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letter except amount sent to San Francisco, Cal. $15,000.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 10th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 7th instant calling attention to the approval of the contract for wood in my letter of the 6th instant to John J. White & Son, instead of J. S. Lowry & Sons to whom the contract was awarded and which should have been approved.

So much of my letter above referred to as approved the award of wood contract to John J. White & Son, is cancelled and the award of contract to J. S. Lowry & Sons for oak wood at $6.25 per cord and for pine wood at $6.25 per cord is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Plez James
President Bank of
Anaheim, Anaheim, Cal.

August 11 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 3d instant enclosing your check on the Pacific Bank of San Francisco for $1,500.- with the request that a like amount in standard silver dollars be sent you, has been received and I have referred the same to the Treasurer of the U. S. for proper action.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Boston Colorado Smelting Co. August 11th 1885
Denver, Colo.

Your offer accepted for Philadelphia at one hundred seven and forty-eight hundreth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Clark, Dodge & Co. August 11th 1885
57 Wall St.
New York.

Your offer declined, Will accept same at one hundred seven and forty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine delivered at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Jas. B. Colgate & Co. August 11th 1885
47 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters sent to
Fourth National Bank, New York.

Zimmerman & Forshay
19 Wall Street, New York.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August 1885 has been approved for the sum of $750.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1885	$252.70
Contingent Expenses	"	497.30
		$750.00

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amount sent to-
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia Pa.
Wages of Workmen $5,000.-

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Salaries	$2,000
Wages of Workmen	1200
Contingent Expenses	500.
	$3,700.-

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Accounts with abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31st 1885

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

Similar letter sent to-

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert Herschel Esq. August 11th 1885
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the corrected bullion account of Mr. N. F. Camp for the period ended May 4. 1885, forwarded by you with your communication of the 27th of June.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge August 11th 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Please forward without delay your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885; also your Annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in charge August 11 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I have received by reference of the Secretary of the Treasury B/D. #87 for $71.65, $27.00 of the amount being on account of ore assays and $44.65 on account of your charges for melting, assaying and stamping for the

quarter ended June 30, 1885.

The b/d has been properly endorsed and returned to the Secretary, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Hereafter you will please forward your certificates of deposit to this office

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 11th 1885.

Sir:-

Please forward without delay your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885; also your Annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 11th 1885.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, the account of the Daily Appeal for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, amounting to $34.26

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 11 1885

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 14th ultimo forwarding statement of charges collected of Depositors during the quarter ended June 30, 1885. and Certificates of Deposit #1564 for $206.62 and #1565 for $4.708.03. You have erroneously deposited the charges for the Manufacture of Silver Bars. amounting to $131.85 with your charges for "Parting and Refining Bullion" The above amount should have been deposited with the charges "other than Parting and Refining"

In referring the certificates to the Secretary, I have requested that $131.85 of the amount called for by Certificate #1565 be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Receipt" and that the balance $4576.18, be covered to the credit of the Appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

You will please see that these changes are noted on the books and in the accounts of your institution.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office Charlotte, N. C.

August 11 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885 and Annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885; also statement showing the gains and losses on bullion shipped to the

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mint for coinage during the year and statement of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your institution during the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum #1243 dated Aug 3rd 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment #21 dated July 31st 1885, and find the gross value to be $6.823.01 charges $14.74, and net value $6.808.27, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except No. and name of Mint sent to-

Assayer in Charge, Denver Col.
No 1256 gross val $68.703.18, charges $176.41 and net val $68.526.77.

Assayer in Charge
Charlotte, N. C.

August 11 1885

Sir:-

C/20 #13 for $94.52 being on account of Assays of ore and Bullion inclosed in your communication of the 30th June

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1886 has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. Personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Receipt"

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar except # and amount. to
Assayer in Charge Charlotte, N. C.
C/D # 24. for $699.79 on a/c Profits for fiscal year 1885.
Assayer in Charge Charlotte, N. C.
C/D. # 6291 for $38.37 on a/c Sweeps recognized fiscal year 1885
" # 89. " $105.37 " " " 2d gr. " Denver Mint
" # 91. " 1,051.21 " " Charges " " " " "
" # 92. " $320.58 " " " for month of July. " "
" # 679. # 24. " " Assays of Ore and Bullion " "
" # 336. " $427. " " " " " " " Helena Assay Office
" # 337. $6.06 " " Sale of Old material Helena Assay Offc
" # 540. $12. " " Assays of Ore + Bullion New Orleans Mint
" # 447. $21.47 " " Charges for Unpaired bars. New York.
" # 550 $168.23 " " Parting + Refining + Gn. Chgs. New Orleans
" # 551 $248.77 " " Melting + Alloy " " "
" # 456 $10. " " Sale of Iridium New York A. A.
" # 587 $105.84 " " Appn for Coinage of St. & D. New Orleans
" # 588 $73.36 " " Ordinary Appns for 1885 " "
A. L. S. " # 6300 $59.35 " " Melting Alloy + Bar charges Philadelphia
" " " # 6301 $2898.23 " " P. R + S. Charges "
" " " # 6302 $32.90 " " Sales of Old material "
" " " # 6303 $70.00 " " Assays of Ore + Bullion "
" " " # 6304 $69.85 " " Sales of Old Material "
" # 6337 $233.51 " " Condemned Smelter Sold "
" # 62 $99.~ (Sales Supt) Assays of Ores + Bullion San Francisco
" # 63 $798.49 " " Sales of Old Material "
" # 1562 $491.33 " " Melting + Alloy Charges "
" # 1564 $13,608.34 Parting Refining + Gn. " "

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San Francisco Mint

C/W. #101 for $28.95-7/28 on a/c Surplus Bul + Profits for fiscal yr 1885.
" #162 " $461.22 " " St. Louis Ms. " " " "
" #163 " $36.28 " " Wages + Contgt Expes. "
" #164 " $19.35 " " Grains from Dep. Mtg. room
" #165 " 45¢ " " Assays of Ore + Bul

R. B. Harrison, August 11th 1885
Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

Please forward without delay your Statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885; also your annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 11. 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Helena Mont.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st instant, in reply to one from this Office instructing you to reduce, if you have not already done so, the balance in lawful money in the Assay Office, in accordance with the wishes of the Department has been received.

The letter of July 15th containing the instruction quoted left no discretion as to a compliance, and upon receipt hereof deposits are will be paid in cash until so much of it as belongs to the Bullion Fund is exhausted, and thereafter by check. But moneys received during the quarter

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on account of assays of ores and sales of old materials will be deposited in the treasury as heretofore.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Herman Silver
Late Assayer in Charge
Denver Col.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo, enclosing four certificates of deposit covering your profits and charges for the fiscal year 1885, I would respectfully request an explanation of C/D No. 90 for $69.45 on account of unexpended balance of transportation accounts.

Please inform me whether you shipped to the Mint for coinage all the bullion in your possession, and whether the above amount was surplus of charges collected of depositors for transporting their bullion to the Mint for coinage over and above the amount paid the express company for the same.

Very respectfully.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

August 11 1885

Sir:-

I have received the following statements from your mint, viz:-

Corrected Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31. 1885.

Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885.

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Annual Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt Assay Office St. Louis Mo.

H. Silver Esq.
Late Assayer in Charge
Denver, Colo.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your communication of June 30th, enclosing an abstract showing the receipts of ore and bullion, during the quarter ended June 30, 1885. and have forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the Certificate of Deposit covering the amount into the Treasury.

The Account current has been referred to the First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

To the Assayer
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

August 11th 1885

How much proof gold do you require?

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

W. Scaiza Esq.
308 California Street
San Francisco.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I send you, enclosed circular, relating to the purchase of silver bullion, and if you choose to bid, do so by telegraph, so that the

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bid shall be received by the stated hour. Under the present limitations upon the business at San Francisco Mint all deliveries of silver purchased will have to be made at New Orleans or Philadelphia.

It will be a favor to the Bureau if you will make periodical statements of the amount of the precious metals received by you from Mexico, or within your knowledge by other dealers as a matter of statistics. Any information bearing on the movement of precious metals, coming under your observation, will be very much appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I would say with reference to your communication of July 31st and August 7th that failing to find any plans of the New Orleans Mint, I depend upon your statement of the latter date to the effect that the apartments which you desire to occupy for purposes of a dwelling were originally intended for that purpose. This seems to have been a special provision in the case of the New Orleans Mint not made in the other institutions; whence I draw the inference that it entered into the original purpose of designing the Mint at New Orleans to provide a dwelling within the edifice for the Superintendent and, as I infer, with the additional object of rendering more efficient his supervision of the institution.

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I can understand that the exposed situation of the New Orleans Mint may have suggested this special provision.

As the circumstance, however, seems to be without precedent wherewith to judge of the matter in question, I am disposed to waive what objections occur to the general proposition, viz: of including a dwelling within the compass of the Mint establishment, and for the present, at least, until further instructions, to sanction its being occupied as requested, but without prejudice to any question as to continuance of this arrangement should any reason arise for changing it. In thus signifying my approval of your request, I am actuated by the hope and belief that your residence at the Mint may serve to render all the closer your general supervision.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have received the following Statements from your mint viz:-

Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditure for the quarter ended June 30, 1885.

Annual Statement of Gold and Silver Bullion requiring parting refining and toughening during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

Please forward your Annual Statement of Earnings and Expenditures as soon as convenient

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Please forward without delay your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885; also your Annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to Supt. San Francisco, Cal.
New York Assay Office

A. W. Smyth, Esq.
Late Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 3rd ultimo enclosing a statement showing the amount received for assays of ores during the quarter ended June 30, 1885; and have forwarded the same, with the Certificates of Deposit covering the amount, with the Treasury, to the Secretary.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to-
Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia Pa.
Assayer in Charge St. Louis Mo.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I transmit herewith payrolls of employes of the General, Melter & Refiners and Coiner's Department of your Mint, for extra work performed during the month of June 1885; and a few bills, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, the whole aggregating $978.85

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the above sum from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the fiscal year 1886, viz:

Wages of Workmen $221.28
Contingent Expenses 557.27

I will thank you to pay these bills and render the usual account.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Until further notice you are hereby authorized to pay semi-monthly; such of the employés of your mint as may desire it, on the regular payrolls provided for the ordinary monthly payments. The dates of payments will be on the 15th and last days of each month or the day previous in case either of these days falls on a Sunday or legal holiday.

To avoid multiplying vouchers the rolls for the end of the month will embrace the entire monthly pay. If the custom of making advances on Cashier's receipts has prevailed in your Mint it should be discontinued, except in extreme cases which will be at your discretion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have this day approved and referred to the First Auditor for examination and settlement a bill of Wm. L. Summers for extra labor performed in the refinery of your Mint during the month of June 1885, amounting to $8.00 payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for Delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Zimmerman & Forshay	35000. ounces @	$1.07875
Jas B. Colgate & Co.	25.000. " "	1.0740
Fourth Natnl Bank, N.Y.	50.000 " " "	1.0740
Brown Colorado Smelting Co.	45.000 " " "	1.0748
Clark Dodge & Co.	100.000 " " "	1.0745

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

With reference to yours of August 4th and to correspondence on the subject, including a letter from the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey dated May 22, 1885, giving authority for the proposed examination and test of the balances used at San Francisco Mint by Mr. George Davidson of that Survey, I have to request that the work be taken up at the earliest convenience, to be arranged by yourself and Mr. Davidson. If the work is of such character as to commend itself for such a purpose, it may be introduced as an appendix (over his signature) to the annual report of the Director of the Mint, a point which I should be glad to have you call to his attention.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 10th ultimo, enclosing a statement showing in detail the receipts from sales of old material and receipts for assays of ore and bullion for the quarter ended June 30th 1885, and have forwarded the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with the certificates of the Deposit covering the respective amounts into the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo inclosing tabulated statement showing in detail the expenditures for supplies required by your mint during the fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Col A London Snowden
Bar Harbor Maine
(Rodricks Hotel)

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 7th instant has just been received and I would say, in reply, that the explanation, requested in my letter of the 2th instant will answer if made when you return to your home.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning
Secretary of the Treasury.

August 11th 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty seven thousand five hundred and fifty four 50 dollars. ($67,554.50) in gold coin and Nine Hundred and Seventy-two 27/100 dollars ($972.27) in silver coin, making a total of Sixty-eight thousand Five hundred and twenty-six 77/100 dollars ($68,526.77)

being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver Col. as shown by Memorandum No. 1256 dated August 5th 1885., of gold bullion deposited at said mint

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except Name of Mint and amount—

U. S. Assay Office Charlotte, N. C.
$5.708.00 Gold Coin
$28.27 Silver "
$5,880.27 Total

First Auditor August 12th 1885
Treasury Dept.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary, & Refinery Expense Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending June 30th 1885 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 12th 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant requesting to be informed what course to pursue in case the possible contingency arises that a check issued by you in payment of a

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deficit of gold bullion should be lost, I transmit herewith for your information, Instructions concerning duplicate checks, issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of March 27, 1885. and which will give you the information required.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

You are hereby instructed to enter in your own account the silver dollars delivered by the coiner in settlement at the close of the last fiscal year, reporting the same as coinage of the month of July 1885

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director. ✓

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform me of the exact number of ounces of gold blanks and ingots in your mint, and the weight and cost of the silver dollar blanks and ingots.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.
✓

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

August 12, 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to prepare and

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forward to me an estimate of the probable cost of parting and refining the bullion in your mint and converting into fine bars, and the length of time which it will take to accomplish the same.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your statement of receipts for assays of ore and bullion, during the quarter ended June 30, 1885, I do not think it proper for your institution to do odd jobs of work for people, and receive such as you state in your letter, and impose a charge of ten, thirteen or fifteen cents for the same. The business of your institution should be confined to its legitimate purposes, and I know of no authority of law authorizing you to do miscellaneous work for the convenience of individuals.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 4th instant, asking if you are permitted to use laborers as messengers:- This matter will be left to your discretion as to whether it

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be the better economy for the Government to employ a special messenger for the work referred to, or whether, as now, to depend upon your workmen for it; whatever action you take being understood, of course, to come within the limit of appropriations and provision for your branch institution.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Assayer in Charge — August 12. 1885

U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by transfer of fifty-thousand dollars ($50.000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

Assayer in Charge — August 12th 1885

U. S. Assay Office
Helena Mont.

Sir:-

Please forward the statement showing the material sold, the proceeds of which were embraced in certificate of Deposit No. 387. dated June 30. 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

Nominations for Operative departments should be made by new officials to you. Cannot approve on nominations of retiring officers - See Coinage Act Section 3.004.

Collect Cost rate

Jas P. Kimball
Director

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 12th 1885

When will you be ready to commence making transfer? Will send representative.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 12, 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a letter from the Melter and Refiner of your mint in reference to the use of anthracite coal for melting purposes and suggesting that one ton be sent you for trial. I have to state that it is impracticable to send that quantity and would suggest that you can probably procure such coal in New Orleans as would be sufficient to make the test. It is a matter entirely within the discretion and under the control of yourself and the Melter and Refiner.

The suggestion of this Office to aid you in procuring the coal in case it should prove advisable after test to use it, was to render such facilities as to enable you to secure upon the most favorable terms, such quantity

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of anthracite coal as might be required during the year, from the best mines.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to cause to be prepared as early as practicable three (3) ounces proof gold and forward the same by express to the Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint, Denver, Colo.

You will please transmit your account in duplicate to this office.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York,

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month ending June 30th 1885 with my approval

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I enclose herewith an additional table of distances to enable you to make payment

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for shipment of standard silver dollars to points therein named.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform me whether you received a letter from this office of the 10th instant, correcting the approval in the contract for wood required by your Mint during the current fiscal year, as I find upon examination of the press copies that the letter was address to you at San Francisco and possibly may have been sent to that mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 6th ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing C.N. No 6823 of Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia in your favor for $5.80 on account of "Refunds by Correspondents" has been referred to this office for endorsement as to the manner in which the amount shall be covered into the Treasury.

I will thank you to furnish me with an explanation as to the source from which this sum accrued.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

As requested in your telegram of this date, I return herewith all letters, bearing date of the 11th inst, relating to appointments in your mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

You are hereby instructed to deliver to the coiner of your mint all silver ingots in the possession of the Melter and refiner and cause the same, together with the silver dollar blanks now in the possession of the Coiner, to be manufactured into standard silver dollars.

You will receive the resulting coin from the coiner, taking up the amount in your coin account for the current month

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

With reference to your inquiry of the 5th instant, it is obvious that the letter from the Bureau of the 5th of June by my predecessor, was in error, and that the "incidental and contingent expenses" for your institution as given in the Digest of Appropriations are limited to fifty-

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thousand dollars. ($50.000.-)

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon Daniel Manning
Secretary of the Treasury

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50.000.-) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of said Assay Office with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq.
#4 Trafalgar Square
London, England.

August 12th 1885

Sir:-

I will thank you to purchase and forward to this office, the Report on the European Mines House of Commons, No. 466 published in 1870.

I will also thank you to forward me a list of government Blue Books, transmitting your accounts in duplicate to this office.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge. August 12th 1885

U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith blank estimates of appropriations for your use in making up estimate for the support of your institution during the fiscal year 1887. Also please find enclosed a circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury in relation thereto. In preparing these estimates care will be observed to ask only for such amounts, under the different appropriations, as are absolutely necessary to meet the year's expenses.

Under the head of Contingent Expenses items and quantities will be given in detail. I will thank you to note carefully the printed instructions on these blanks as well as those contained in the Secretary's letter.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to each of the Mints and Assay Offices.

Assayer in Charge August 13, 1885

U. S. Assay Office

Boise City Idaho.

Sir:-

Your attention is respectfully directed to the column in the Register of Deposits, headed "Mill or Mine."

I desire that in all cases where it is possible to obtain the information

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the name of the mine producing or mill reducing the bullion deposited be entered in the Register, and in cases where it is not possible to obtain any information as to the source of production, you will enter in the column mentioned "Unknown".

You will use your best endeavor to obtain from depositors the names of the mines producing the bullion which they deposit at your institution, as this information will be indispensible in tabulating the production of the precious metals in each State and Territory.

I desire you to be careful to ascertain when possible at least, the immediate if not original source of all bullion deposited.

In this connection I would say that I wish you to obtain as full and reliable information as possible in regard to the production of gold and silver in the State or territory in which your institution is located and not to rely upon newspaper statements for the value or production of mining properties.

Any reliable information will be of value to me as hereafter irresponsible statements in the form of newspaper clippings will not collated. All special contributions to the statistical reports of the bureau will hereafter when used be published over the signature of the reporting officer and in general the authority given for all statements collected.

No advance will be made from the appropriation for collecting these statistics and you are hereby instructed to incur no expense in connection therewith

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without having first obtained authority from this office.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter to

Supt. U. S. Mint	Carson, Nev.
Assayer in Charge Assay Office	Charlotte N. C.
Supt U. S. Mint	Denver, Col.
Assayer in Charge Assay "	Helena, Mont
Supt U. S. Mint	San Francisco Cal.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office August 13th 1885
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:-

You will please forward your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, as soon as they can be conveniently prepared.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt U. S. Mint	New Orleans La.,
" U. S. Assay Office	New York.
" " Mint	Philadelphia Pa.

Assayer in Charge. August 13th 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:-

1000 Assayers reports on Gold Bullion No 89 W.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined, approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement the final Bullion Accounts of James Crawford, deceased, your predecessor, as Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, for the period ending March 31, 1885.

In preparing your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, you will charge your coin Account with the sum of $6.45, receipts from sales of old material, $18.02 receipts for assays of ores and bullion, collected during Mr. Crawford's term of office and turned over to you, and deposited by you in the Treasury; and you will take credit in the same accounts with the Certificates of deposit covering these amounts into the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director

J. R. Hofer Esq.
late Chief Clerk
U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford, Superintendent of the Carson Mint, for the quarter ended March 31st 1885 with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball, Director

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Supt U. S. Mint
, Carson, Nev.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined the Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of James Crawford, late Superintendent of your Mint for the quarter ended March 31, 1885 and find the same correct.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter to Charlotte Assay Office. ✓

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
, Charlotte, N. C.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1885 with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
: Charlotte, N. C.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1280 dated August 10th 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 22. dated August 7th 1885, and find the gross value to be $6,992.07 charges $1.86 and net value

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$6,973.68 for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 7th instant enclosing copy of blank form of notification to banks whenever a check is drawn by you in payment of deposits and asking leave to discontinue its use.

I do not think it advisable to discontinue notice to the banks of checks drawn by you.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

E. O. Leach, Esq.
Comptroller of Bullion,
Mint Bureau.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

You are hereby instructed to proceed to the City of New Orleans for the purpose of superintending the transfer of the operative departments to the new officers appointed by the President.

You will be present and check the deliveries in settlement and ascertain the amount of precious metals wasted since the 30th of June by the Miller and Refiner and Coiner.

Upon completion of this duty, you

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will examine and report as to the present location and condition of the different machines and apparatus sent to the New Orleans Exposition as part of the government exhibit and carry out such other verbal instructions as I have given you.

Your necessary travelling and other expenses will be paid upon your return.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

John A. Taylor Esq. August 13th 1885
Corner 19th & Callowhill Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th instant stating that the Mint at New Orleans is indebted to you between $3.000 and $4.000 for which you have forwarded receipted bills is received and in reply I have to say that I have referred your letter to the present Superintendent of the Mint for investigation and report.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint August 13th 1885
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have instructed Mr. E. O. Leech, the computer of Bullion of this bureau, to proceed to New Orleans and superintend the transfer of the operative departments of your mint to the newly appointed officers and to perform other duties which I have explained to him verbally.

You will please afford him every facility

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for carrying out my instructions and see that such clerical assistance is rendered him as he may desire.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 13th 1885

Sir:-

Your attention is respectfully directed to the column in the Register of Deposits, headed "Mill or Mine".

I desire that in all cases where it is possible to obtain the information, the name of the mine producing or Mill reducing the bullion deposited, be entered in the Register and in cases where it is not possible to obtain any information as to the source of production, you will enter in the column mentioned "Unknown".

You will use your best endeavor to obtain from depositors the names of the mines producing the bullion which they deposit at your institution as this information will be indispensible in tabulating the production of the precious metals in each State and Territory.

I desire you to be careful to ascertain when possible at least, the immediate, if not original source of all bullion deposited.

If the column mentioned is not in the Register which was supplied your institution, please make a separate statement on the register of the name of the mine or Mill producing the bullion.

Similar letter sent to -

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York City.
Assayer in Charge " St. Louis, Mo.
Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Daniel M. Fox, Esq., August 13, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 6346 for $540.00, being on account of Profits on Proof Coins and Medals, enclosed in your communication of the 12 instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous Receipt.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Daniel M. Fox, Esq., August 13, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your

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Telegram

Superintendent Aug 13th 1885
New Orleans Mint

Your appointments on nomination of retiring officers are not within the spirit of the Coinage Act. Telegram of yesterday re-affirmed.
Collect Govt rates.

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York City.
Assayer in Charge [illegible] St. Louis, Mo.
Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Daniel M. Fox, Esq., August 13, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C. D. No. 6346 for $540.00, being on account of Profits on Proof Coins and Medals, enclosed in your communication of the 12 instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Medal Fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous Receipt.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Daniel M. Fox, Esq., August 13, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year, the account of the "Record" for advertising for proposals for condemned spelter, amounting to $5.20.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Daniel M. Fox, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 13, 1885.

Sir:

Yours of the 11th instant, with enclosures, has been duly considered, in conference with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the United States. Desirable as it is agreed it would be to transfer the surplus coin in your custody to that of the U. S. Treasury no means can be found at present for making the transfer; so that it will have to remain as at present.

Until Congress meets no relief can be expected from the burden at present necessarily imposed upon the Mint of caring for the coinage of silver dollars as it accumulates. You are therefore instructed to take whatever means may be necessary to repair the vaults in the Sub-treasury Building referred to in your letter, for the safe keeping of such amounts as you may find no room for at the Mint. The Supervising Architect, in conjunction with the U. S. Treasurer, will confer with you as to proper security though time locks and burglar alarm appliances, this matter, as I conceive, properly appertaining to that department to the satisfaction of which this work should be done.

The number of watchmen to be employed, and the mode of dividing the watch will be a matter of future consideration when the vaults are prepared.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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E. T. Burton, Esq.,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 13, 1885.

Sir:

I have your communication of the 31st ultimo, enclosing a statement showing the Sale of Sweeps, accrued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, also your Annual Statement of Wastages and Reimbursement of Losses; Annual Statement of Operations in Refinery in the Coiner's Department; Statement of Bullion delivered and received; Annual Statement of Wastage, Excess and Loss on Sale of Sweeps; Statement of Sale of Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Sweeps; Statement of Melter and Refiner's Operations; Statement of Coiner's Operations; Copy of Assay Memo Nos. 8606/7 of Superintendent's Sweep and Flux bars from Deposit-Melting room; Ledger Balances July 31, 1885; Weight and value of bullion on hand at commencement and close of fiscal year 1885; and Profit and Loss Account.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Israel Lawton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 13, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 4th instant, calling attention to the unpaid account of Wells, Fargo & Co, for transportation of standard silver dollars, from July 1st to 11th amounting to $11,195.00 and asking authority to pay it from the silver profit fund and take the same up in current quarter's account.

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I will thank you to forward a statement showing the amounts and points to which silver dollars were forwarded from the 1st to the 19th of July. Inasmuch as this is a very large account for transportation during so short a time, I would be pleased to have you furnish me an explanation of the cause or causes for so large a demand for silver dollars in such a short period.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Israel Lawton, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 13, 1885.

Sir:

You will please forward your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, as soon as they can be conveniently be prepared.

In preparing your Bullion Accounts for the quarter named, you will add as a supplemental account, the transactions in bullion and coin during the month of July, 1885, so as to show the bullion on hand at the close of the month of July, which was receipted for by Mr. Lawton.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

August 13, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford, Superintendent of the Carson Mint, for the quarter

ended March 31st, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar letter transmitting the Bullion Accounts of the Charlotte Assay Office.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 13, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that two male clerks who are competent to make arithmetical calculations and examine accounts, be detailed to assist in the work of this Bureau for a period of four weeks. I would state that, owing to the necessary absence of several of the officers of this bureau in connection with the annual settlements of the Mints and Assay Offices, and a detail from the force of male clerks of this office, the examination of the accounts has been somewhat delayed and the services asked for are necessary to assist in bringing them up to date.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 13, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith lists of Officers, Clerks, Assistant Workmen, Laborers, and adjusters of the several United States Mints and Assay Offices, on July 1st, 1885, prepared

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for publication in the next "Biennial Register".

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury. August 13, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the following question be submitted to the decision of the Solicitor of the Treasury with reference to the enclosed correspondence.

Second-class clerk H. B. Wilkins Jr. was discharged by the Assayer in Charge at Helena, Montana, on June 1st 1885, this being the morning of the day of meeting of a commission of inquiry into charges against the Assayer in question, and in support of which Wilkins was an important witness. One question arises as to the degree of immunity from dismissal attaching to the pledge of my predecessor that the testimony given by Wilkins should not militate against his continuance in office. Mr. Harrison having been requested by me to do so, has, under date of the 28th ultimo, submitted his reasons for the removal of Wilkins, which, specifically at least, are outside of the conditions included in Mr Burchard's promised immunity. These reasons seem sufficient for the approval of Harrison's dismissal of Wilkins, if only on the general grounds of responsibility on the part of the head of the institution for the persons under his employ.

The second question which I desire to submit to the Solicitor is, Whether the dismissal of Wilkins will date from the approval of the dismissal by the Director of the Mint, or from the dismissal itself at the hands of the Assayer in Charge.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury. August 13, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to request, with reference to the enclosures herewith, that the question be submitted to the First Comptroller whether the expenses for the employment of agents of the Secret Service Division can be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia, in default of any appropriation for such services in the Secret Service Division of this Department.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 13, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C., to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($6927.00) in Gold Coin, and Forty-six $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars, ($46.68) in Silver Coin, making a total of Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-three $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars, ($6973.68) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 1200, dated August 10, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Supt. Mint, August 14, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed find Treasurer's draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, #5684 for the sum of $46. being the value of the coins forwarded by you to this office during the six months ended June 30, 1885, for special assay as prescribed by the Regulations. You will please acknowledge the receipt of the draft and inform me whether the amount agrees with that charged on your books against this office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter to New Orleans, Draft No. 4595 for $51.
" " " Philadelphia " " 22576 " $141.
" " " San Francisco " " 5685 " $733.10

Spruille Braden, Esq., August 14, 1885.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

You are hereby requested to report at your earliest convenience a complete list of all drawings, tracings or blue prints on file in your office, of machinery in your institution, along with copies of specifications in all cases where provided.

All such drawings, if not sufficiently described by their own legends, should be supplemented by full descriptions of their character, by the names of the makers or designers and by a statement of the number of machines, and parts of machines, to which the drawings, &c., correspond.

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A descriptive inventory of all machines and machinery, with a list of the makers of the same, will likewise be forwarded to this Bureau, accompanied by a statement of such as are in use constantly or intimittently, and also of such as are no longer in use, either through the circumstance of their being superseded by other machinery or for whatever other reason.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director M.E.S.

Similar letter sent to each of the mints and assay offices.

Supt U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1 Weigh Clerk's Register of Deposits.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 3rd in relation to the pay of Walter Scott, day watchman of your institution, I have to say that the overpayments made to him in your accounts prior to July 1st, cannot be approved. From that date, however, for the reasons given in your letter, his pay is hereby approved at the rate of $3.25 per diem.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Actg Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Levi S Lewis, Esq.
Care Spelman Brothers,
#361 and 363 Broadway,
New York.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 13th instant, I send you by to day's mail, copies of the Annual Reports of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1883 and 1884, which show the coinage of gold and silver for each of those years.

I presume by "fractional currency" in your letter, you mean subsidiary silver. These reports show the coinage of that kind of money.

In reply to your inquiry as to the maximum and minimum coinage per month or year of each metal as fixed by law, I would say that the coinage of gold is not limited, any owner of gold bullion having the right to deposit the same at any mint to be formed into bars or coin for his benefit. The coinage of silver dollars, however, is regulated by the Act of February 28, 1878, which provides that not less than $4,000,000 worth of silver shall be coined per month into standard silver dollars. Under Regulations of this department, the coinage of silver dollars is limited to the minimum amount, $2000,000 worth per month.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball Director

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

August 14, 1885

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, and Annual Statement for the fiscal year 1885; also your quarterly and annual statements of Operations during the same period; also your annual statement of Wastage and Loss on Sale of Sweeps.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

C.D. No. 700 for $642.78 being on account of Melting Alloy and Bar charges, enclosed in your communication of the 13th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion Accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous Receipt.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Similar except # and amount to same

C.D. # 701 for $25,354.52 ac of Parting & Refining & Toughening chgs.
C.D. # 702 " $19,000.31 " " Net amount recovered by M. & R. during fiscal year 1885.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 11th instant, requesting a change in the order for dies for your Mint from half eagles to eagles for the reasons stated. I have requested the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to forward you 2 pair of eagle dies in place of the half eagles.

If half eagle dies have been forwarded, you will please return them to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, advising this office of your action.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

You are requested to prepare a statement of supplies in excess of those for which bids were asked and proposals accepted for the fiscal year ending June 30.

With reference to machinery a similar statement is requested for all not covered by the special statement made by way of schedule of bills of Orr and Hess Machine Company and related firms.

An abstract is also requested of the business of the mechanical department of the Mint, for the same fiscal year, including the expenditures for labor, machinery, and material not included in the schedule of the above named firms.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. Daniel M. Fox, August 14, 1885.
Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt, under date of the 13th, of your schedule of bills of Orr, Hess and Morgan and related firms.

For the classification of these accounts I send by same mail suitable blanks, which you are requested to have filled out in detail, classifying each item under its proper heading, for the period covered by this schedule.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, August 14, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Expect Architect and myself on Tuesday morning, next.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram Superintendent Mint, August 14, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Send two pair eagle dies to New Orleans in place of half eagle dies as directed in my letter of fourth instant.

If half eagle dies have been sent I will direct their return.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Clark, Dodge and Co. August 14, 1885.
New York.

Ship to Philadelphia. R. E. Preston, Actg. Director.

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Hon. Daniel M. Fox, August 14, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant, in reply to that from this office of the 12th, in explanation of the $5.30 deposited by you in the Treasury as refunds by correspondents and have to request that you will state the kind of coins in which the alleged excess of shipments over the amounts ordered occurred.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

W. F. Switzler, Esq., August 14, 1885.
Chief Bureau of Statistics,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you obligingly undertake to give me a separate account of gold and silver bullion and coin entered at the Port of New Orleans for the fiscal year 1884-5?
This is requested with special reference to Mexican silver, of which a considerable quantity arrives at that port in the hands of passengers, much of it passing the Mexican officials clandestinely.

The free limit in the case of travelers being, as I am informed, $100, it is probable that coin and bullion in the hands of passengers in excess of this amount are likewise not reported at the port of entry.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury. August 14, 1885.

Sir:

From the circumstance that a limit is placed upon the free exportation of silver coin and bullion from Mexico (unless recently relaxed), I have the honor to request that the Custom House officers of New Orleans, and at the stations on the Mexican frontier, be directed to report the importations of precious metals to the proper department of the Treasury, for the information of this Bureau.

It is known to the Director, from personal experience, that considerable amounts of coin and bullion in excess of the limit of $100 pass the Mexican officials clandestinely; so that it may require a special effort on the part of American customs officials to obtain the desired statistics, especially by way of explanation of the free importation of precious metals and coin into this country.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning. August 14, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith transportation orders Nos. 1519, 1520, 1521 and 1522 over the Union and Central Pacific Railroads furnished Mr. E. O. Leech, of this Bureau and not used.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Clark, Dodge & Co.	150,000	Ounces at	1.0725
Zimmerman & Forshay	25,000	" "	1.0725
Jas. B. Colgate, & Co.	20,000	" "	1.0725
Handy & Cronise	100,000	" "	1.0725

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Telegram. Zimmerman & Forshay
New York.

August 14, 1885.

Your offer declined. Will accept the same at one hundred seven and twenty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Handy & Cronise,
New York.

Jas. B. Colgate & Co,
New York.

Clark, Dodge & Co,
New York.

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Louis J. Janin, Esq.
211 Sansome Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 14, 1885.

Sir:

~~The following telegram sent you to-day~~ is hereby made Official, viz:
Can you obtain confidentially for me net freight for silver bullion and coin from San Francisco to New York to private shippers and banks?
Answer Collect, Government rates.

I am, very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

First Auditor
Treasury Department,

August 15, 1885

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Standard Silver Dollar Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month ending June 30th, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.,
late Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 15, 1885

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending July 31st, 1885. Very respectfully R. E. Preston, Acting Director

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Boston and Colorado Smelting Co.,
Argo, Colo.

August 15, 1885.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Melter and Refiner of that institution, complaining of the unwieldy size of the bars forwarded by your company and the Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co., and I would be glad if you would in the future have your bars conform to as near the size suggested by the Melter and Refiner as practicable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

August 15, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. I would state that requisition has been made on the Government Printer for the blanks asked for and they will be mailed to you as soon as received. The paper you desire will be obtained from the Stationery Division of the Department upon the regular requisition for that purpose, a few copies of which are herewith enclosed. Your requisition should cover a six month's supply, unless your predecessor made one for the period ending December 31, 85. An inventory of quantity on hand should accompany your requisition. See foot notes on blank form enclosed.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston Actg. Director

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Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

August 15, 1885.

Sir:

I return herewith the official bond of Jas. E. Shaw, for correction, as indicated in letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury, also enclosed.

I will thank you to resubmit the appointment of this man observing instructions given in letter, relating to the case of Stephen G. Hudson, written you a few days ago.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

August 15, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, receipted in duplicate for 3 ounces of proof gold sent you in compliance with your request by telegraph of the 18th instant.

You will please transmit the Superintendent of the Assay Office, a draft upon New York for the amount, viz: $62.02

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise,
New York.

August 15, 1885.

Silver shipped Monday on account of your sale seventh instant, will be received.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Confirmed

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Telegram

Superintendent Mint, August 15, 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Representative from this office will be in New Orleans Tuesday.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Superintendent Mint, August 15, 1885.
New Orleans

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar accounts, for the month ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

The Coiner's roll shows that Louis Smith has been paid $3.00 less than he was entitled to for extra time.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

✓

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, August 15, 1885
New York.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 11th instant, I send you by to day's mail copies of Estimates, and Digest of Appropriations 1885-1886.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Supt U. S. Assay Office, August 15, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th instant enclosing your account receipted in duplicate and

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the Express Company's receipt for 3 ounces of proof gold forwarded to the Assayer at Denver, to whom I have transmitted your account with instructions that he forward you a draft for the amount, viz: $62.02.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 15, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Assayer of this Bureau has received in currency $971.50 it being the coinage value of the gold and silver bullion forwarded by him to your Mint on the 7th instant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 15, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be struck one silver life saving medal and to transmit the same with your account in duplicate to this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 15, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, calling

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attention to the fact, that in looking over the awards made by your predecessor for supplies of acids required during the current fiscal year, you find that my letter of the 6th instant neglected to approve that for oil of vitriol, although specified in the proposals submitted.

Inasmuch as Harrison Bro & Co. declined to accept the award made to them for muriatic acid and oil of vitriol unless they could have the contract for supplying nitric acid and aqua fortis, which was awarded to Lening & Co. (limited) they being the lowest bidders, your action in awarding the contract for oil of vitriol to Lening & Co. at 1¼ ¢ per pound and for muriatic acid at 1¼¢ per pound is approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint, August 15, 1885
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 14th instant, in regard to the unwieldy size of the bars forwarded by the Boston and Colorado and Kansas City Smelting and Refining Company on account of purchases of silver bullion made from them, and have this day called their attention to the fact and requested that they make their bars to conform as near the size as suggested by your Melter and Refiner as may be practicable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Refinery Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.,
late Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco.

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 12th instant, stating that the workmen had requested to be supplied with a lot of new aprons and asking if you were required to supply them.

In reply I would say that it is customary to furnish the aprons used by by employe's in the mints and assay offices.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

August 17, 1885.

Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, enclosing copy of a letter from the Melter & Refiner of that institution, complaining of the unwieldy size of the bars forwarded by your company and the Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. and I would be glad if you would in the future have your bars conform to as near the size suggested by the Melter and Refiner as practicable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans,

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith bills amounting to $74.19

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which have been paid by the Treasurer of the U.S. These accounts having been incurred on account of the transfer of silver dollars from your Mint by the U.S. steamer "Swatara", are properly payable from the Silver Profit fund. You will please remit Mr. Jordan a draft for the amount, charging the same in your accounts as an expense for the distribution of standard silver dollars during the quarter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

E. F. Burton, Esq.,
late Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco.

August 17, 1885.

Sir:

C. D. No. 212 for $70.40, being on account of Salaries U.S. Mint San Francisco, 1886, enclosed in your communication of the 7th inst., has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letters except number and amount addressed to same

C. D. No. 213 for $1374.50 being on a/c Wages of workmen U.S. Mint S.F. 1886.
" " 214 " $3974.36 " " " Contingent Expenses U.S. Mint, S.F. 1886
" " 215 " 28,546.92 " " " Parting & Refining bullion U.S. Mint S.F.

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Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.

August 18, 1885.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant, stating that there are 57 barrels of sweeps on hand at your Mint, and requesting instructions as to the disposition to be made of them. I have to request that you will invite proposals by letter from the different smelting companies within reach of your mint, including the Omaha and Grant Smelting Co, at Omaha, the Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co, the St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. and the Chicago Smelting & Refining Co, accepting the highest and best bid offered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

August 18, 1885.

Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer at New York as requested by your telegram of August eleventh.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Andrew Mason, Esq,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

August 18, 1885.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant stating that the amount of standard silver dollars in the bullion fund of your office is nearly exhausted and requesting that a transfer be made to the credit of this fund of $100,000.

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In reply I have to state that you can pay for silver contained in gold deposits out of any moneys belonging to the bullion fund and it is therefore unnecessary to make the increase requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 18, 1885.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been forwarded by express to you this day, viz:

4 Registers of Deposits.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 18, 1885.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Clark, Dodge & Co.	50,000	ounces, at	$1.0660
Clark, Dodge & Co.	50,000	" "	$1.0665
Handy & Bronise	100,000	" "	$1.06625

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Henry H. Roberts, Esq.,
Ferrell, Texas.

August 18, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the U. S. Treasurer, has been referred to this Office.

Five-cent pieces of the United States without the word "cents" are worth no more than other coins of the same denomination from which that word was not omitted in coining. More than five million were struck and issued.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
New York.

August 18, 1885.

Your offers accepted for Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Telegram

Jas. B. Colgate & Co.,
New York.

August 18, 1885.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred six and five-eighth cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams sent to
Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Cronise
New York.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint, August 19, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Make estimate called for in my letter of twelfth instant on basis of fine silver.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 19, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery, Statistical and $ $ Dollar Expense Accounts, for the month of June 1885, with my approval, except the fourth item of voucher 191 Ordinary Account which was illegally paid - see section 3828 R. S. - and voucher 201 of same account which contains erroneous charges amounting to 50¢. The aggregate of these errors - $4.00 I recommend to be disapproved.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director

E. O. Leech, Esq., August 19, 1885.
Care U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

While in New Orleans, you will please inquire into the solvency of the bondsmen of the following persons connected with the mint, viz:

John A. Stevenson, chief clerk, bond $20,000, dated May 14, 1884. Sureties James E. Zunts, Honoré Bottier and Charles P. McCan.

E. H. Barton, assistant coiner, bond $10,000, dated

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September 10, 1883. Sureties Gustave Galetz and Michael John Ferrell.

From the records of the office it appears that B. F. Butler, Cashier, has never executed nor filed a bond, neither has W. M. Lynch. Both of these parties should furnish a bond and you will call the attention of the Superintendent to the subject.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Telegram

E. M. Morseman, August 19, 1885.
Pacific Express Company,
Omaha, Neb.

Please name lowest rate at which your company will transport gold bullion from the Denver Mint, to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram

Superintendent Mint, August 19, 1885.
New Orleans, La.

The changes in the General Department of your mint submitted in letters of sixth, seventh and eleventh instant, are approved. Details by mail.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint, August 19, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1,83, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable

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from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Supt. U.S. Mint, August 19, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing statement of silver purchased from August 1st to August 15th, has been received.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

✓

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 19, 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 18th instant, requesting authority to continue to receive and pay for the four (4) remaining volumes of the British Encyclopædia, published by Scribner and Sons at $5.00 per volume, heretofore subscribed for by your predecessor.

You are authorized to receive and pay for the remaining volumes, as delivered, from your appropriation for contingent expenses as has heretofore been done.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

✓

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First Auditor, August 19, 1885.
Treasury Department.
Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery Std. Sil. Dollar and Statistical Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, for the month ending June 30th, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. Note recommendation on Abstract of Disbursements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. S. P. Rounds, August 19, 1885.
Public Printer.
Sir:

The proofs of the illustrations to the article by W. P. Blake, Esq. in the Report on the Production of the Precious Metals for 1884 have just been returned by Mr. Blake, to whom they were sent for examination.

The drawings and a copy of the letter accompanying them are herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 19, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Denver, Colo, be increased one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the

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same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Colorado National Banks at Denver.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning — August 19, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the Act making appropriations for legislative, executive and judicial expenses, provides for a stenographer and clerk at $1,400 in this Office which position is now held by Lemuel Towers, Jr, who has been detailed for duty in the Supervising Special Agent's Office.

As the services of a stenographer are required in this Office, I have the honor to request that Mr. Towers be transferred to the rolls of some other bureau or removed, and that Henry G. Hayes be appointed to the position at a compensation of $1,400 per annum.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Hon. M. J. Durham — August 19, 1885.
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

Sir:

With reference to your inquiry of the 17th I have to state that no expenses for the employment of detectives have been incurred. The intention of my question was to ascertain

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the proper authority for the employment of such services, and a fund from which they could be paid.

If agents of the Secret Service of the Treasury Department are detailed for this purpose, I understand that the only provision necessary to be made will be for expenses and not for compensation.

For the sake of the connection I enclose your inquiry above referred to.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 20, 1885.

Sir:

In case you have not a similar system of accounts, you are requested to open separate accounts with each of the departments of your Mint, beginning with the present fiscal year. This division of accounts is intended to show, in detail, the actual debits and credits in each department, and to be closed at the end of the year.

Unless you wish to subdivide your accounts still further, the division will be as follows: General Department, Melter and Refiner's Department, Assayer's Department, Coiner's Department, Engraver's Department, and Mechanical Department.

The work of the Mechanical Department should be charged up to the several departments in which performed.

Hereafter the cost of dies furnished by the Philadelphia Mint will be charged

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to the several mints receiving them, and credited to the Philadelphia Mint, at actual cost, upon vouchers approved at this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director U.S.

Similar letters sent to
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans.
Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson
Supt. Assay Office, New York.

Telegram Supt. Mint, Carson, Nev. August 20, 1885

You can enter coin as received from Coiner in August instead of July as directed in my letter of twelfth instant.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director. ✓

Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, Helena, Mont. August 20, 1885.

Sir:

It appears that you have made no shipments of gold bullion since June 30th, when the balance on hand was $64,667.— and which your statement of the 13th inst. shows to have increased to $232,890. It is desirable that the bullion should be shipped as fast as practicable and not be allowed to accumulate in such large amounts.

I will thank you for an explanation of the delay in making shipment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director. ✓

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Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

August 20, 1885

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 1st of June, amounting to $3.00 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

August 20, 1885.

Sir:

In the matter of Mr. Dunn, I merely communicated unofficially the personal wishes of the Secretary.

I did not reply to your communication of the 3rd instant, trusting that you would see the impropriety of making what in one view of the case might seem a favor unofficially asked, depend upon the official action of the Bureau, in the line of its duty in the matter of your dismissal of Mr. Wilkins under special and peculiar circumstances.

Your telegram of the 14th repeats the purport of the letter referred to, and has embarrassed still more than before the official action of the Bureau in the case of Mr. Wilkins.

Your letter referred to, had the effect of depriving the Bureau of free action on

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the merits of the case of Wilkins as they seemed to me, and obliged me to refer the matter to the Solicitor of the Treasury, as I considered my own action to be hampered, in appearance at least, by the conditions implied in the letter referred to and expressed in your later telegram.

The delay in the case of Mr. Wilkins was first through your own delay in responding to my request, under the circumstances, for your reasons in removing Mr. Wilkins; and second through your own act in offering what seems to be a personal inducement for the official action of this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

August 20, 1885.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred five and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 20, 1885

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use, have been mailed you this day, viz:

500 Daily Statements of Cashier No. 231,
100 Silver Bullion Received on Purchases No. 3a

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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Telegram

Bullock & Crenshaw, August 20, 1885.
528 Arch St,
Philadelphia.

Please state lowest price at which you will furnish, duty off, three number twelve Oertling assay balances with complete sets of weights of platina and aluminum. Answer.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 20, 1885.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1885, except payrolls of officers, clerks, workmen, &c.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 20, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than 10,000 ounces, at your Mint, will be 105⅝ cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint, August 20, 1885.
San Francisco, Cal.

Agents at Philadelphia offer to furnish Oertling balances and weights at one hundred forty five dollars each.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

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The Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, August 20, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to return the papers in the case of theft from the Philadelphia Mint and to recommend their reference to the Attorney General, for his authority in the premises, according to the course indicated by the First Comptroller.

I take the liberty to make this "special," as this case has already consumed a great deal of time in the Department.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint, August 20, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10 Requisitions for Stationery,
50 Abstracts of Petty Expenditures, No. 53. B.
50 Statements of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. August 21, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and six cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegrams sent to
Fourth National Bank, New York.
Hardy & Bronise, New York.

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Telegram Fourth National Bank, August 21, 1885.
New York.
Cannot increase rate offered for silver.
R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director

Telegram J. & W. Seligman & Co, August 21, 1885.
New York.
Your offer received at two forty-five P.M., and is declined, but will accept same at price offered all other bidders, namely, one hundred and six cents per ounce fine.
R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director

First Auditor, August 21, 1885.
Treasury Department,
Sir:
I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, for the month ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.
Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

H. Silver, Esq., August 21, 1885.
Late Assayer in Charge,
Denver, Colo.
Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1885,

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with my approval.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Dan'l. M. Fox, August 21, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday asking for a "Gold Deposit Melting Book" is received, and in reply I have to say that it will be impossible to furnish it from here in less than six weeks or two months. You are therefore authorized to have one made in your city and to pay for same from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses. In this connection your attention is respectfully called to the Regulations of the Department, requiring that requisitions for blank forms and books should, as nearly as practicable, be made semi-yearly in June and December. When necessity compels the making of additional requisitions allowance, in time, of one month for blank forms and two months for blank books should be made.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 21, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have this day requested that the Bullion Fund of your office be increased $50,000. by a transfer of that amount and that the

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same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 21, 1885.
St Louis, Mo.
Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of twenty-five thousand dollars, ($25,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St Louis.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon Daniel Manning, August 21, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at St Louis, Mo, be increased twenty-five thousand dollars, ($25,000) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in Charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at St Louis.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, August 21, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased fifty thousand dollars, ($50,000) by a transfer of this amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Mrs. Hattie B. Warner, August 21, 1885.
St. John's, Clinton Co,
Michigan.

Madam:

In reply to inquiries in your letter of the 11th of August, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, I have to state that the manufacture of coin was suspended at the New-Orleans Mint in 1861, and not resumed until February, 1879.

The four coinage mints of the United States are at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Carson and New Orleans.

Standard silver dollars and ten dollar gold pieces, principally the former, are coined at New Orleans.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. August 22, 1885.
Denver, Colo.
Ship to Philadelphia.
R. E. Preston,
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Handy & Bronise, August 22, 1885.
New York.
Fifty thousand ounces additional accepted making in all one hundred thousand ounces at one hundred and six cents per ounce fine.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

First Auditor, August 22, 1885.
Treasury Department.
Sir:
I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, for the month ending June 30th, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment according to law.
Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter transmitting accounts of the St Louis and Charlotte assay Offices.

Assayer in Charge, August 22, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.
Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense

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accounts for the month ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 22, 1885.
St Louis, Mo.
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department, for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense Accounts, for the month ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Spruille Braden, Esq, August 22, 1885.
Assayer in Charge,
Boise City, D. T.
Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of June 1885. I have approved the account after restating it, by changing your balance from the month of May to $81.29, and eliminating voucher for $164.80 paid into the Treasury by you to the credit of Mr. Camp.

By reference to your account with the appropriation for "Wages and Contingent Expenses" of your office you will observe that you have expended $7.04 more than has been advanced you. This amount is the balance

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on account of this appropriation that came into your hands from your predecessor and should have been deposited to his credit, and which must now be so deposited in order to close his account. The amount will afterwards be advanced to you and you can then state a supplemental account for the month of June in which you will charge yourself with it and credit yourself with "excess of disbursements" as shown in prior account for the month.

I will thank you to give this attention at the earliest practicable moment, as it is desirable to close the accounts of the last fiscal year at as early a day as possible.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 22, 1885.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1320, dated August 17th, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 1, dated August 3, 1885, and find the gross value to be $19,901.10, charges $49.77, and net value $19,851.33, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, August 22, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of one million dollars, ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in standard silver dollars, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, August 22, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa, of the sum of nineteen thousand, six hundred and forty eight $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars, ($19,648.50) in Gold Coin, and two hundred and two $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars, ($202.83,) in Silver Coin, making a total of nineteen thousand, eight hundred and fifty-one $\frac{33}{100}$ dollars ($19,851.33,) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 1320 dated August 19th, 1885, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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A. Montégut, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

August 22, 1885.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for payment from the Silver Profit Fund of your Mint the account of the Dodge and Bliss Box Company, amounting to $570, being for boxes to be used in the transportation of standard silver dollars from your Mint per the U. S. Steamer "Swatara."

Upon receipt hereof, please forward to the Dodge and Bliss Box Company, a draft for the amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

August 22, 1885.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of one million dollars ($1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

August 22, 1885.

Sir:

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the

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Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.	40,000 Ounces	at $1.06
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	20,000 "	" $1.06
Handy & Cronise	100,000 "	" $1.06

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, August 22, 1885.
Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office Troemner's list of prices of assay balances.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint August 22, 1885
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Referring to your request that this Office purchase and forward to you three Certting Assay Balances, I have to state that it will be necessary for the Assayer of your Mint "to state the delicacy "of motions required, viz: how much space "to be moved by ¼ milligramme, and "any other special requirements".

I am informed by the Superintendent

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of the Assay Office at New York, who is a practical assayer, that he considers Becker Balances, which cost about $48.- without the weights, and including weights $87.- as fully equal to the Curtling Balances; and I will thank you to inform me whether the Curtling Balances are absolutely required.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

August 24th 1885

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a circular letter of instructions of the Treasury Department in relation to briefing communications to which your attention is invited.

In this connection and in addition to the above instructions I would state that where it is found necessary to fasten two or more papers together place the fastener at the top of the page above the heading and in no case place it in the upper left hand corner.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to
U. S. Mint, Carson, Nev.
" " " Denver, Col.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

August 24th 1880

Sir:-

I return herewith your statement of checks drawn, which I will thank you to correct by inserting the day on which they were issued and return promptly to this Office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 24th 1880

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, in relation to rendering quarterly and annual statements of "Earnings and Expenditures," I have to request that you will pay such bills as have been received, and are properly payable from your appropriations for 1880 and render a supplemental account for the same, covering into the Treasury all balances you may have except that belonging to Parting and Refining. Any bills that may subsequently be received can be forwarded to this Office, for payment by the Department.

You mention in your letter a bill of Otto Greenhood which remains unpaid, I wish to remind you that your standard Silver Dollar Accounts for June 30th last, reports a payment made to this man of $56.00 for 8

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8 days services rendered in April.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

August 24th 1885

Sir:-

I have your letter of the 19th instant stating that under the recent advertisement of the late Assayer, no proposals were received for stone coal. Such being the case, you are authorized to obtain such quantity as you may require at the lowest market rate.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

August 24th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 19th relating to the application of Herman S. Silver for 30 days leave of absence, and, asking whether you had power to grant the same, I have to reply by directing your attention to paragraphs 13 & 14 page 23 of "Instructions and Regulations" which clearly limit your authority to granting leave for 21 days only, in any one fiscal year.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Telegram — Assayer in Charge — August 24th 1885.
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.,

Until further notice, ship bullion by registered mail.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

Telegram — Assayer U. S. Assay Office — August 24th 1885
Helena, Montana.

Secretary declines to make any further increase of Bullion Fund until you have reduced your balance of bullion on hand by shipping amount received since first of July.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Collect book rates.

Telegram — E. O. Leech, — August 24th 1885
Care U. S. Mint
New Orleans,

Balances in the hands of Clausen must be delivered to the Superintendent, and by him to Magruder.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Charge U. S. Treasury Dept.

Telegram — E. O. Leech, — August 24th 1885
Care U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Yes, all parties being willing.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Charge U. S. Treasury Dept.

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Supt. U. S. Mint August 24th 1885
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:-
12 Statements of Wastage of Operative Officers
Form # 213.

Supt U. S. Mint August 24th 1885
Philadelphia, Pa.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One hundred five and one half cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to.

Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans La.

Supt U. S. Mint August 24th 1885
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Until further notice silver contained in gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of 94¢ per standard ounce

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter to

Supt. U. S. Assay Office New York.

Telegram to each Mint and Assay Office.

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The Hon Secretary of
The Treasury.

August 24th 1880

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge your reference of a letter of Messrs Emory Speed & Co. of Philadelphia, claiming that they had sold to the Superintendent of the Mint in that City, on the 20th instant, about seven thousand ounces of silver at the rate of $1.07 per ounce fine, and upon the delivery of the silver on the 21st instant the Superintendent refused to pay but $1.05-8/10 per ounce fine.

Under the "Instructions and Regulations" in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices," as approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, (page 10,) the Superintendents of the Mints are authorized to purchase for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, silver bullion in lots of less than ten thousand ounces, at a price not exceeding the market rate, to be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

I find upon examination of the records of this Office that, owing to the recent decline in the price of silver, the rate to be paid for lots of less than 10,000 ounces at the Philadelphia Mint on the 20th instant was reduced from $1.07 to $1.05-8/10 per ounce fine, at which rate the silver in question could only be received and paid for by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia on the 21st instant, as he had no authority to make contracts for future delivery.

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or to pay a price in excess of that of that at which he was authorized to purchase lots of less than 10,000 ounces on the day of delivery at the Mint. Purchases of silver for future delivery have never been made, except upon the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury; and then only for lots of 10,000 ounces and over.

I return herewith the letter of Messrs Emory, Freed & Co., as requested.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

August 25, 1885

Sir:-

I have this day requested that your bullion fund be increased $20,000.- by a transfer of this amount and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Letter to Secretary of Treasury requesting above transfer.

Telegram: Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver Col.

August 25th 1885

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred five and eighty hundredth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

Confirmed

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters to addresses on page 213

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Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street New York.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

August 25th 1880

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 18th, instant, which has just been received, I desire to state that the letter from this office of the 10th instant was written in reply to a one page letter from you of the 3rd, in which the dates of removal of W. H. Bryant, R. W. Boller, and C. B. Smith were reported "in obedience to request contained in letter from this office of the 28th ultimo". Subsequently a five page letter, also of the 3rd instant, containing the information asked for in letter of the 28th ultimo, came to hand, but not until the following day and after the letter in question, of the 10th, had been mailed to you. The receipt of this second letter was not acknowledged because it was intended to take early official action upon it, and for the further reason that it was believed unnecessary as you would doubtless understand, from the two letters written by you on the same date, how the misunderstanding arose.

As the records of this office show only one letter written to you on the 28th ultimo, I will thank you to

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furnish me with a copy of the letter to which your's of the 3rd instant, first referred to, was a reply.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.,

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

There seems to be no authority of law for making any extra allowance for pay at the expiration of a term of service in any grade of employment in the United States Mint.

This is in reply to Mr. J. S. Carver's case about which you telegraphed on the 21st, and will govern you in general without special reference to this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.,

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

There seems to be no authority of law for making any extra allowance for pay at the expiration of a term of service in any grade of employment in the United States Mint. Where an actual claim exists for vacation at the end of a term of service, the date of dismissal must be at the expiration of such vacation and the vacancy created not previously filled.

This is in reply to your communication of the 21st instant, and will govern you in general without special reference to this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Late Assayer in Charge
Denver Mint.

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

You will please forward to this office the receipt of your successor in office for any bullion or moneys transferred to him, as well as his receipt for the property in the Mint. You will also please forward your bullion accounts for the month of July in order that settlement of all your accounts may be made as early as practicable and the same closed upon the books of the Department.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

August 25th 1885

Treasurer declines to make any further advances to pay for bullion deposited until you have completed shipment of bullion on hand, but will authorize Assistant Treasurer at New York to pay your drafts for express charges.

Your shipments must be made as fast as bullion is received and paid.

Confirmed

(Collect Govt. Rates)

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith I transmit letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury dated 21st instant, stating that the testimony taken in support of charges preferred against you as Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, by John P. Donaldson, is not of a character to justify them, and that he concurs in the Solicitor's suggestion "that no further action be had in the premises" No further action will therefore be taken.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

G. Montegut, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 25th 1885.

Sir:-

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
10 Official Bonds,
20 Affidavits of Surety.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Books, Record of Silver Melting.

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

Please forward Statement of Refinery Operations, Form #95 of your Institution for the months of June and July 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco Cal.

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

The letter of the 22d from this Bureau failed to convey the object in view. It seems most advisable that the Assay balances in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States should be of American manufacture, so as to admit of expeditious and economical renewals and repairs.

The balances of European manufacture, however estimable, have proved in the Eastern Mints and Assay Offices less desirable instruments for their use than those of approved American manufacture, as those of Becker and Sons, New York, and of Henry Troemner in Philadelphia. The latter instruments, while far less costly, are of desirable delicacy and precision, and are readily renewed and kept in repair by their makers. Both of these makers receive special orders for balances, and undertake to construct them to any required degree of precision.

Allow me to suggest that your Assayer

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put himself in communication with Superintendent Mason or Assayer Torrey, of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, or with the Philadelphia Mint, if in want of any information as to the practical working of these instruments.

As a matter of accommodation, the Assayer at New York will undertake to inspect any Becker Balances that may be ordered by your institution, or these can be sent to you on approval. I presume a similar arrangement can be made with the Philadelphia Mint with reference to Troemner Balances.

While this Bureau does not wish to impose personal views upon the operative departments of the Mints, considering that under ordinary circumstances the operative officers should exercise their own preferences in such matters, I should not feel justified in approving an order for Certling Balances unless the American Agents should receive contracts by award of a commission.

I enclose Beckers circular.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

The Hon Secretary of
The Treasury.

August 25th 1885

Sir:-

In accordance with the course prescribed by the Attorney General, I have the honor to recommend that the Secret Service Division of the Treasury be charged

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with the investigation of the theft of silver bars from the Philadelphia Mint, in co-operation with the District Attorney of the United States and the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

I have already conferred with the Chief of the Secret Service Division, and require only your written authority to proceed immediately in this investigation. I therefore take the liberty to make this matter "Special"

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena Mont.

August 26th 1885

Sir:-

In as much as present regulations of the Treasury Department do not admit of keeping in the Assay Offices moneys from which to pay depositors of bullion the value thereof, you will have no further need for that portion of the $4,483.64 on hand at your institution since the 4th instant which formed a part of your Bullion Fund, and you will please discontinue the drawing of checks on the Assistant Treasurer at New York until the fund is exhausted by actual cash payments.

The sum that will remain in your hands, being receipts from assays of ores, sales of old material, etc., will, as heretofore, be deposited in the Treasury.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
Denver, Col.

August 26th 1885

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 17th inst, in relation to your Assistants and asking permission to equalize their pay by an increase from $5.50 to $6.00 in the case of Mr. Sowz I have to say that the increased expenditure cannot at this time be approved. If these persons knew the rate of compensation attaching to the positions to which they were respectively appointed they have no cause to complain and should be satisfied. Should experience, however, after an impartial trial, prove Mr. Sowz to be the more valuable man there would be no objection to transferring them. In the event of its becoming necessary to replace either you will doubtless be able to do so without serious difficulty.

Should the work of your mint increase during the year, to an extent to warrant the additional pay this decision, the condition of your appropriation for Wages of Workmen permitting, may be reconsidered.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode,
London, England.

August 26th 1885

Gentlemen:

Please send to the Bureau of the Mint copy of the 31st Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England; 1870. (Abstracts of 1868). my special object

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being to obtain the paper of Dr. Farr, "Appendex B." Also; a catalogue of Government Blue Books.

Upon receipt of your bill payment can be made by postal note.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
Helena, Mont.

August 26th 1885

You can ship bullion deposited prior to July 1st on terms stated in your letter of eighteenth instant but cannot incorporate same in last years accounts. Ship silver bullion deposited as gold in separate invoices.

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Meers Handy & Cronice
#24 Nassau St.
New York.

August 26th 1885

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 24th instant is received and in reply would state that if you are unable to complete delivery on account of your sale of the 18th instant within ten days, a reasonable extension of time will be granted you.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

August 26th 1885

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant replying to one of the 28th ultimo, from this Bureau, in relation to the appointment of W. C. Arning as Stenographer &c is received and has been carefully considered. That the business of your office has increased largely within the past two years, as represented by you, is well known to me, but not in my opinion beyond the ability of your force of clerks and assistants, as it stood one year ago, to perform without difficulty or hardship to any one. I am satisfied that the appropriations for your Office, for the current fiscal year, are sufficiently large to enable the work to be done properly and promptly, even should there be a still greater increase, and I am resolved that there shall be no deficiency during the year. I must therefore, not only decline to approve the appointment of Mr. Arning to the position mentioned, or any other, unless to fill a vacancy that may hereafter be made, but must insist that you will at the earliest practicable moment proceed to so organize your force as to bring it within the limits of $12,000 for "Wages of Workmen"

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 26th 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit: of

Clark Dodge & Co. 100.000 ozs @ $1.0580

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 26th 1885

Sir:-

The Attorney General having prescribed such a course, Mr. Brooks, Chief of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury, has, at my request, been authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to cooperate with you, the Melter and Refiner, and the U. S. District Attorney at Philadelphia in the investigation of the theft of silver bars from the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

It is expected that no time will be lost in proceeding with this investigation, especially as it has taken a great deal of time in the Department to ascertain the proper division of responsibility for undertaking it.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Henry J. Taylor Esq. August 26th 1885.
1629 Oxford Street,
Philadelphia.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 24th instant, and accompanying enclosure, has been received and will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

R. J. Wilson, Esq., August 26th 1885.
Denton, Texas

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 14th of August, addressed to the U. S. Treasury Department, desiring to know if there is a premium on the nickel coin of 1883, which omits the word "cents" and instead has "E pluribus unum"

The five-cent pieces you describe, and all other coins of the United States, are with only the value indicated upon them before leaving the Mint at which they were struck.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Your quarterly statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, and your annual statement for the fiscal year ended the same date have been received. Also the statement of ore assays made at your institution during the quarter ended June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Carson Nev.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Ctd. # 236 for $329.55 being on account of Balance of Profit & Loss Account, 2nd quarter 1885, inclosed in your communication of the 17th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion account, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a Miscellaneous Receipt.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Carson.
Similar letter except # & amount to, ore
" Ctd # 235 for $11.00 on a/c Sales of Old Material 2d qr.
" 234 " $18.00 " " Ore Assays 2d qr. 1885.

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Dr. W. P. Lawver, Mint Bureau. August 27th 1885
C.N. #34.071 for $3.00 on a/c Ore Assays, from July 1. to 22d. 1885.
New York Assay Office
C.N. #157 for $165.00 on Special " 2d qr.

C. C. Goodwin, Esq.
Kirksville,
Adair Co. Missouri.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 24th instant, relating to a sample of ore you wish to have assayed by the "U. S. Assayer of Metals", has been received.

Assays of ores are no longer made by this Bureau, nor in any of the Departments at Washington.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. H. A. Herbert,
Afton, Virginia.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 28th instant requesting to be furnished a statement showing the various prices paid by the government for silver for coinage under the Bland act from its passage to the present time, is received, and in reply would respectfully state that the labor to give the prices in detail for the many lots purchased would be greater than can be undertaken by the clerical force of this Bureau but the following statement shows the average price paid for silver by the fiscal years, purchased under the Act referred to, viz:

For the fiscal year 1878 — $1.18879+ per oz fine
" " " " 1879 — $1.128.444 " " "
" " " " 1880 — $1.147.82 " " "

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For the fiscal year 1881. $1.13322+ per ounce fine
" " " " 1882. $1.13500+ " " "
1883. $1.11743+ " " "
1884. $1.11200+ " " "
1885. $1.08986+ " " "

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

P. S. Should you wish any further information as to details of purchases, the books of the bureau will be cheerfully submitted for any examination you may wish to make.
J. P. K,

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find authority to advertise for proposals for coke and charcoal as requested in your letter of the 17th instant.

Very respectfully

Chas W. Kubach, Esq.
65 Elliott Street,
Baltimore.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to this Bureau, will be put on file; but there seems no call at present for any change in the mode of coinage, especially in the way of protection the cost of which would doubtless exceed the value of the object to be gained.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball

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E. L. Trantham, Esq. August 27, 1885
Harrison, Arkansas.

Sir:

Your letter of August 20th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, to the effect that you had been informed that the Government pays a premium for the return of fifty cent pieces of 1861, has been received.

The statement is incorrect; no premium on coins is offered by the United States.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint August 27th 1885
New Orleans, La.,

Transfer all the machinery and apparatus at the exposition building to your Mint except the melting furnace which box and ship to the Orr, Hess Machine Company Philadelphia at their expense.

Discharge watchmans employed at exposition building.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint August 27th 1885
New Orleans La.,

Sir:-

You are hereby instructed to box and ship by express to this bureau, the photographs of the San Francisco, Carson and New Orleans Mints, which were at the mint exhibit in the late Exposition.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

August 24th 1885

Sir:

Referring to my dispatch of this date, instructing you to transfer the Mint machinery at the Exposition building, to your Mint, you are hereby instructed to store the same away in the Mint and see that proper care is taken of it, but to make no use of any of the machinery or apparatus until you have received authority from this Bureau.

Please report when done, with inventory.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.,

August 24th 1885

Sir:-

I desire to call your attention to the missing musket, and to ask if steps have been taken for its recovery?

At all events, please render me a formal statement for transmission to the Ordnance Department of whatever property pertaining to that department is charged against your institution. This account will have to be filed before any requisition is filled.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt U. S. Mint — August 27th 1885
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:-

Your Annual Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the fiscal year 1885, and your quarterly Statement for the period ended June 30, 1885, enclosed in your communication of the 15th instant, has been received.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

E. B. Jewett, Esq. — August 27th 1885
Assayer in Charge
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, if the Register of Deposits furnished you does not contain a column headed "Mill or Mine", you will rule a portion of the column headed "Locality" for the purpose indicated in my letter of the 18th instant.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge — August 27th 1885
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 24th inst in reference to making assays of jewelry, you are respectfully informed that the Regulations recognizes no charge for making assays, of less than $3.00

If you will submit a schedule of charges, the propriety of changing the

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rate for this class of assays of your institution will be considered, but in the meantime the rate will be three dollars.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

August 27th 1885

With reference to your letter of August third, am expecting to hear from you further as to reduction of force in several departments proposed by Computer of Pullins Leach before taking action thereon.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

To the Honorable
The Secretary of
The Treasury.

August 27th 1885

Sir:-

I have the honor to call your attention to the fact that the books of this bureau show an expenditure, by the several coinage Mints during the fiscal year 1885, from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, amounting to $156,317.47 as follows:

Mint at Philadelphia	$112,231.71
" " New Orleans	42,691.86
" " San Francisco	707.90
" " Carson	696.00
Total as above.	$156,317.47

This expenditure was in addition

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to the amounts covered by the regular appropriation for the support of the Mint service and were rendered necessary by increased expenses incurred on account of wages of workmen and contingent expenses in connection with the coinage of the Standard Dollars, authorized by the Act of February 28th 1878.

It will be observed that the disbursements from this appropriation were especially heavy at the Philadelphia and New Orleans Mints occasioned by the fact that the bulk of the years coinage of about 27,000,000 was executed by them.

The coinage of the Silver Dollar during the first half of the current year will equal that of the last and as the appropriations are about the same, without any prospect that the expenses can be materially reduced, it is important to know whether the plenary appropriation of the original act will be drawn upon, as in the past year, to supplement the regular appropriations of the Mints engaged in this coinage.

The enclosed letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint has brought this subject to my attention for further instructions.

Herewith also please find a copy of a resolution of the House appropriation Committee of the 45th Congress, in relation to the appropriation contained in the act in question, and to the power of the Secretary of the Treasury to draw upon it for the coinage provided for in the Act.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Boston Colorado Smelting Co. August 28th 1885
Denver, Col.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred and six cents per ounce fine for delivery at Philadelphia.

Chg. Treas. Dept. R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar to Jas B. Colgate & Co. (except word Philadelphia)
" " Handy & Cronice.

Offer accepted to
Clark Dodge & Co. (for New Orleans)
" " Fourth National Bank.
" Will accept 35,000 ozs @ $1.0598 per oz fine, if delivered immediately. Zimmerman & Forshay.

R. E. Preston
Actg Director

Assayer in Charge, August 28th 1885
Boise City Idaho.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending June 30th 1885.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter to
Supt U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

Assayer in Charge August 28th 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:- I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Estimates of Appropriations necessary for the support of your Institution during the Fiscal year 1887.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar to San Francisco.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

August 29, 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum #1348 dated August 22, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia shipment #2, dated August 10, 1885, and find the gross value to be $19.832.65, charges $18.19, and net value $19.784.46 for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of your Institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver Col.

August 28th 1885

Sir:-

B/L #90. for $169.45 being on account of Transportation Charges, 2nd Quarter 1885, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous Receipt".

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver Col.

August 29th 1885.

Sir:-

I return herewith for your signature statement of shipment #1 of gold bullion to Philadelphia Mint.

In this connection I would state that the usual itemized schedule showing the weight and fineness of each bar has not accompanied shipments #2, 3 & 4.

Please prepare and forward them without further delay and hereafter they should accompany each statement at the time of shipment

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

August 28th 1885

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant relative to opening a new set of books in your mint, I would say that while you are at liberty to make any improvements in the system of bookkeeping of your Mint, which will add to the simplification and correctness of keeping the transactions, the general system, in use should be continued, that is the same accounts should be kept which are rendered quarterly in your bullion accounts to the Department, and such other accounts as the business of your institution renders necessary, so that the books will show at any time the transactions distinctly and the balance of coin and bullion

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in your Merit.

Whatever changes you may make in the bookkeeping, the accounts will be rendered in the same form as heretofore, which have proved very satisfactory.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena Mont.

August 28th 1885

Sir:-

Your statement of the sales of old material for the quarter ended June 30, 1885. and the account current of the same, enclosed in your communication of the 12th instant, has been received. The former has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury with the certificate of deposit covering the amount into the Treasury, and the latter to the First Auditor of the Treasury

R. E. Preston
Actg Director

Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

August 28th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1885. your attention is respectfully directed to the charge imposed for refining deposit of gold bullion made on January 5th by the Fourth National Bank, receipt #49 for 1.276 ounces, the charge being $11.31. This deposit containing over 100 fine, the charge imposed should have been 5¢ an ounce instead of 4¢, the

rate charged by you. I will thank you to explain this error as soon as possible, as I desire to send your accounts forward to the accounting office.

Your attention is also directed to the silver deposit sheets. The figures are indistinct and not carefully formed. On page 2 of the silver sheets in the standard weight gold column in several places the last figure was not inserted.

More care should be taken in preparing the silver deposit sheets and especially the figures should be made very distinctly, as they are very difficult to foot. Please see that a change is made in this respect.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint — August 28th 1885
" New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit:- of

Clark, Dodge & Co. 50.000 ozs @ $1.0590
" " " 50.000 " " $1.0585

Similar letter except name & amount

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sent to Supt U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.
Fourth National Bank, 50.000 ozs @ $1.06

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Wm M. Leach Esq Asst Assayer — August 28th 1885
New Orleans, Mint.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith blank bond and affidavits of surety to enable you to execute your bond as Assistant Assayer of the New Orleans Mint, Please note instructions on foot margin of second page of bond.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint — Aug 28th 1885
New Orleans La.

Instead of shipping melting furnace to Our Hess Machine Company notify them by letter that you hold it subject to their order.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon Daniel Manning — August 28th 1885
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Col. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-three 50/100 dollars ($19.433.50) in gold coin, and Three Hundred and Fifty 96/100 dollars ($350.96) in Silver Coin, making a

total of Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four 46/100 dollars ($19,784.46) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum #348 dated August 22d 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

J. N. Allison, Esq,
Longview, Texas.

August 29, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant, enclosing a "Kellogg & Co. Twenty Dollar Gold Piece," has been received.

In order to realize on the coin it will have to be melted and assayed, to determine its value, at the Philadelphia Mint, thus losing its identity, and becoming bullion, the value of which, less the charges, is the amount to be returned by the Mint.

Please inform this Bureau as to your wishes in the matter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram

Prof. W. P. Blake,
Mill Rock,
New Haven,
Conn.

August 29, 1885.

Please return manuscript of your article which you retained when proof was sent you.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Hon. H. A. Herbert, August 29, 1885.
Afton, Virginia.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry in regard to the amount of gold and silver annually lost by abrasion of coins in circulation, I would state that it is estimated that the abrasion of the gold coins is about 1½ per cent. per 100 years, or 1½ hundredths per cent. per year, and of silver about 10 per cent per 100 years, or 1/10 of 1 per cent per annum.

With reference to the amount of gold and silver consumed in the arts, manufactures and ornamentation, the present annual consumption of the world including the amount consumed by India and other Asiatic nations is about $15,000,000 gold and $45,000,000 silver.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Wm. Garrard, Esq., August 29, 1885.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

The total ounces of gold and silver of domestic production received at the Carson Mint each month should always be the same as the amounts entered on the Statement of Deposits and Purchases opposite the items "U. S. Bullion – Gold of Domestic Production" and "U. S. Bullion – Silver of Domestic Production," in which "Redeposits," either of gold or of silver, are not to be included.

No bullion is to be reported on the Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production except

such as its title indicates, namely, bullion not previously deposited at one of the Mints or Assay Offices of the United States.

Your reports for the four months ended July 31st are returned for proper correction.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 29, 1885.

Sir:

C. D. No. 255 for 281.51, being on account of Salaries of the U. S. Mint at Carson, enclosed in your communication of August 22nd, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar addressed to same
C.D. #256, for $867.18, on account of Contingent Expenses Carson Mint
C.D. #257 " $48.00 " " " Coinage S.S. Dollars " "
credit given in Standard Silver Dollar Accounts.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

August 29, 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Ordinary Account for the month of June. I observe that voucher

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#206 of this account is a bill of $70.- paid to Otto Greenhood for service as special clerk, ten days at $7.- per day.

A bill for eight days services, at the same compensation, was paid to this man, in your Standard Dollar Account for June and I will thank you to explain whether this voucher is for additional services rendered by him, and if so, when they were performed.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, August 29, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received your letter stating that now was the best time to buy the supply of wood to be required by your institution during the current fiscal year, and you are authorized to purchase forty cords at a price not exceeding two dollars and twenty-five cents per cord.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer U.S. Assay Office, August 29, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Please state by wire value of bullion shipped since July first.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director

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Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

August 29, 1885.

Sir:

Please close your accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, and forward the supplemental account at once, as it is necessary to commence the preparation of the statements for the Director's annual report, and they can not be checked until your accounts are forwarded.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 29, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th instant advising the shipment per Adams' Express, of one (1) silver life saving medal and enclosing bill for the same amounting to $2.00 has been received. The medal has been delivered by the Express Company and I have transmitted the same to the Secretary of the Treasury with your account with the request that a draft for the amount ($2.00) be remitted you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Telegram Superintendent Mint, August 29, 1885.
San Francisco, Cal.
The appointments and removals submitted in your letter of August twenty-second are approved to take effect from September first.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Superintendent U. S. Mint, August 29, 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:
Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.	65,000 ozs,	at $1.0593
Jas. B. Colgate & Co.	20,000 "	" $1.06
Handy & Cronise	50,000 "	" $1.06

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Telegram Zimmerman & Forshay August 29th 1885
19 Wall Street
New York.
Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred and six cents declined. Offers only considered on Tuesdays and Fridays.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar offer of 25,000 ozs declined.

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Hon. Daniel Manning — August 29th 1885
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 14th instant I have the honor to enclose herewith one (1) silver life saving medal with the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the same amounting to $9.00. I will thank you to cause a draft for this amount to be transmitted him.

I also enclose herewith duplicate medal fund vouchers for your signature and return to the Superintendent of the Mint when transmitting draft.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Handy & Cronise — August 31st 1885
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Offers considered only Tuesdays and Fridays; your offer of today declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint — August 31st 1885
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Statements of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended December 31st 1884, March 31st and June 30th 1885. also for the fiscal year June 30th 1885.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. A. S. Mirit. August 31st 1885
Carson, Nev.,
Sir:-

Referring to C.L.D. #235 for $11.00 on account of proceeds of sales of old materials. I will thank you to forward a statement showing in detail materials sold and prices received for each article. Such statement is required in all cases where proceeds of old material are deposited.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge. August 31st 1885
A. S. Mirit,
Denver, Col.
Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:-
50 Pay Rolls.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge August 31st 1885
A. S. Mirit,
Denver, Col.,
Sir:-

I have received the 3.85 ounces of mixed lot of gold forwarded as per your letter of advice of the 19th instant.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Supt U. S. Mint. August 31st 1885
New Orleans, La.,
Sir:-

On the 14th instant Treasurer's draft No. 45375 for the sum of $37.- in payment of the coins forwarded to this Bureau, for the six months ended June 30, 1885, was mailed to you. You will please inform me whether the draft was received, if so, whether the amount agrees with that charged on your books against this office.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office August 31. 1885
New York.
Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 29th instant relative to the charge imposed for refining gold deposit No. 49, in which you state that according to your copy of the Assayer's report, the base metal contained was only .036 I would state that the abstract sheets show that the proportion of gold contained in the deposit was .878½ and no silver. By reference to the Assayer's report, I find that this deposit contained .035 of silver and that instead of allowing the depositor for the silver contained and imposing a parting charge, you disregarded the silver and imposed a refining charge only on the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the deposit to standard and that in consequence the Melter and Refiner received some 36 ounces of silver in this

deposit with which he is not charged.

Please inform this Bureau whether it is the practice at your institution to ignore so large a quantity of silver in a deposit and allow the Melter and Refiner the benifit of it without it being charged to him.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

August 31st 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense (Suplemental) account with Abstracts and vouchers, for the month ending June 30th 1885

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

August 31st 1885

Sir:-

In compliance with request contained in your telegram of current date, enclosed herewith please find appointment of Nellie D. Evans, adjustee in the Coiner's Department of your Mint, submitted in your letter of the 29th instant for approval, returned as requested

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint — August 31st 1885
San Francisco Cal.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 20th instant, enclosing contracts executed in triplicate for supplies required by your Mint during the current fiscal year, with bonds pertaining to the same. In as much as the awards made have been approved by this Bureau, and a schedule of the articles and prices made, I do not deem it necessary to approve each contract.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge — Sept. 1, 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Your Register of Deposits of Gold Bullion for the quarter ended June 30th 1885, has been received and examined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter to Supt Mint.
Carson, Nev.
Assayer, Charlotte, N. C.
" Helena, Mont.
Supt. New York, N. Y.
" Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram, Clark Dodge & Co. — Sept. 1. 1885.
51 Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed — Ship to New Orleans.

R. E. Preston.

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Telegram Fourth National Bank Sept 1. 1885
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand at one five eighty declined; will accept the same at one five and a half.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar except (50,000 ozs) sent to -

Fourth National Bank.
Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Clark Dodge & Co.
James B. Colgate & Co.
Handy & Cronise
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Zimmerman & Forshay

Telegram Assayer in Charge Sept 1. 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Fifty thousand dollars placed to your credit with Assistant Treasurer New York to day.

R. E. Preston.

Supt. Mint, Sept. 1. 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred five and one quarter cents per oz. fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar to Supt. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint Sept. 1. 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

You will please forward to this Bureau your Register of gold and

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silver bullion deposits for the first and second quarters of 1885

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 1. 1885

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars to wit:-

Clarke Dodge & Co. 150,000 ounces @ $1.0550

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Similar except Names & amounts sent to-
Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.
Colgate & Co 20,000 ozs @ $1.0550. Fourth National Bank 50,000 ozs @ $1.0550 & Handy & Cromise 100,000 ozs. @ $1.0550.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept 1. 1885

Sir:-

The following coins received at your Mint during the month of August, and forwarded to this Bureau for Special Assay, have been received, viz:-

12 Standard Silver Dollars. $12.00

R. E. Preston.

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Supt. U. S. Mint Sept. 1. 1885.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon special assay coins taken from the first and one subsequent delivery in each week at your Mint during the Month of July 1885, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar sent to Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint Sept. 1885
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo in reference to shipment No. 13, of gold bullion received from the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, net value of which is $123.68, you will please deposit this amount in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of Sprville Braden, U. S. Assayer at Boise City, as "value of sweep bar," forwarding certificates of deposit in duplicate to this Bureau.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge Sept. 1. 1885.
U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Referring to the abstract sheets of

your bullion account for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, your attention is respectfully directed to gold deposit No 91, made April 11th by Werner & Dickman which is reported on the Assayer's report to contain 021½ silver while no silver was allowed the depositors or entered on the abstract sheets. I will thank you to explain the reason for this omission.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.,

Sept. 1. 1885.

Sir:-

I return herewith certificate of gold deposit, No 45, for your signature.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sept. 1. 1885.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil your quarterly statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1885. The amount of contingent expenses as shown by your monthly accounts for January, February and March was $224.16 and not $231.16.

You will please forward a corrected statement together with the one herewith enclosed.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Supt. U. S. Mint — Sept. 1. 1885

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September, 1885, has been approved for the sum of $24.000.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1886.	$3.500.-
Wages of Workmen	"	$6.000.-
Contingent Expenses	"	$5.000.-

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Mint — Sept 1. 1885

San Francisco, Cal

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced for the sum of $10.000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining bullion."

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram — Supt U. S. Mint — Sept 1. 1885

San Francisco, Cal.

Forward Burlons Bullion accounts without delay.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Henry C. Baird, Esq.,
810 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 2. 1885.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find statement of total coinage of subsidiary silver from February 1, 1875, and of Standard silver dollars from February 28, 1878, to August 31, 1885, as requested in your letter of the 29th ultimo.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Coinage of Subsidiary Silver from February 1st 1875, and of Standard Silver Dollars from February 28th 1878, to August 31st 1885:

Half Dollars	$20.466.127.00
Quarter "	16.012.663.50
Twenty cent pieces	271.000.00
Dimes.	8.997.818.80
	$45.747.609.30

Standard Silver Dollars 208.259.381.

Telegram Mint Bureau,
Sept. 1, 1885.

Boston Colorado Smelt'g Co,
Denver, Colo.
Ship to New Orleans, La.

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James P. Kimball.
Director.

Messrs Bullock & Crenshaw,
528 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sept. 2. 1885

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th ultimo, the price list and catalogue of Certling

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Assay Balances is returned herewith.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho.

Sept. 2. 1885.

Sir:-

I have re-stated the accounts of Mr. Henschkel, Acting Assayer in charge, for the period commencing April 1st and ending with the date that you entered on duty and have forwarded the re-stated accounts with the accounts which he rendered to the accounting officers of the department.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the following errors in the accounts of Mr. Camp as rendered by the Henschkel and I will thank you to call Mr. Henschkel's attention to the same.

Gold Deposit No 293 made by John Lemp, fineness of gold was calculated at .816 The Assayer's report shows the same to have been .8065. The value of the gold contained was $152.71 instead of $154.51 being an over-payment of $1.80.

Gold Deposit No. 280. made by John Lemp, standard weight of silver contained 34¢ instead of 26¢, due the depositor 8¢

Gold Deposit No 303, made by P. Dowling, silver contained $1.28, amount paid $1.31 over-payment of 3¢.

Gold Deposit No 304 made by John Lemp silver contained $1.31 paid $1.33, overpayment 2¢.

Gold Deposit No 305, made by John Lemp silver contained $81.61 paid $84.01, over-payment $2.40.

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Gold Deposit No. 306 made by John Lemp, silver contained $1.63 paid $1.72, overpayment 9¢.
Gold Deposit No. 307, made by John Lemp, silver contained $1.77 paid $1.79, overpayment 2¢.
Gold Deposit No 309, made by John Lemp, silver contained $3.77 paid $3.85, overpayment 8¢.
Gold Deposit No. 310, made by John Corning, silver contained 79¢ paid 93¢ overpayment 14¢.
Gold Deposit No. 311, made by John Corning silver contained 42¢ paid 50¢ overpayment 8¢.
Gold Deposit No. 312, made by John Lemp, silver contained 70¢ paid 74¢ overpayment 4¢.

These errors amount to a net overpayment of $4.62 with which amount Mr. Camp has been charged in the adjustment of his accounts. I will thank you if possible to collect from Mr. Lemp and the other depositors named the amount overpaid them and deposit the same in the name of Mr. Camp in the Treasury of the U. S.

The balance due from Mr. Camp to the government as shown by the restatement of the accounts was $14,776.61 of which he delivered to you as shown by your receipt $2,442.34 leaving a deficiency of $12,334.27.

Enclosed herewith for your information, as well as that of Mr. Camp and Mr. Henschkel, please find copy of his bullion accounts as restated in this bureau.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho.

September 2, 1885

Sir:-

I return herewith for Correction your "Statement of Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30, 1885. This statement purports to cover the earnings and expenditures for the entire quarter. The Expenditures cover the entire expenses of the quarter but the Earnings do not, but embrace only those which accrued during your administration.

I will thank you to include in this statement the earnings, as shown by your books which accrued from the 1st of April to the time you entered upon duty or else forward a separate statement showing the same. I have marked in pencil the earnings as shown by Mr. Camp's accounts which accrued from April 1st to the time you took charge of the institution. Your attention is respectfully directed to the entry "grains, flux and sweeps $122.68" I do not find any such entry in your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30.

You will also forward a statement showing the gains on bullion shipped the Mint at Philadelphia, by your office during the year, the difference between the value of the bullion shipped as determined by your office and that allowed by the Philadelphia Mint. In the same statement you will show the amount of mint charges collected

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on the deposits of the year and the amount deducted at the Mint on the same deposits. The difference in each case, if a gain, should be so declared in your bullion account for the quarter ended June 30 and if a loss should be paid in those accounts.

Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one and let me hear from you as soon as possible on these subjects as it will be necessary to forward your bullion accounts to the accounting officers shortly.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Mr. N. H. Camp, Sept 2, 1885.
Care U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Your bullion accounts for the period ending with your retirement from the Office of Assayer in charge of the Assay Office at Boise City, have been examined and find that the amount due from you to the government on retiring from the office named was $14,776.61, of which there was delivered to Mr. Priscilla Braden, your successor, the sum of $2442.34 leaving a deficiency of $12,334.27, for which amount you are held accountable. In order to close your account with the government, it is necessary that you should pay this sum.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Fourth National Bank, Sept. 2. 1885
New York

Your acceptance at $1.05½ for second 50.000 ounces, makes amount purchased of you September 1st 100,000 ounces.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Auditor Sept. 2. 1885.
Treasury Dept.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of Norman H. Camp, as rendered by the Acting Assayer, R. Herschkel, for the period embraced between April 1, 1885 and the date that his successor in office, Mr. Sprville Braden entered upon the duties of the office, May 15, 1885.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the errors as shown by the memorandums attached, on the abstract sheets of these accounts, amounting to a net overpayment of $4.62

The accounts have been restated on the accompanying forms and show that there was due from Mr. Camp upon his retirement from office, the sum of $14.995.57, of which he delivered to his successor in office as shown by his receipts accompanying these account, the sum of $2.442.37, leaving due the government by Mr. Camp, the sum of $12,553.20.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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First Auditor, Sept. 2. 1885.
Treasury Department
Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the quarter ending March 31st 1885. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter transmitting a/c's of 1st & 2d qr.
Assayer in Charge St. Louis, Mo.
Late Superintendent San Francisco, Cal. 1st qr.

Assayer in Charge Sept. 2. 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.
Sir:-

The matter about which you wrote on the 26th was not related to the Secretary, and I therefore refrain showing him your communication. The only person to whom I have mentioned the matter is Mr. Williams, by way of reason for not acting sooner in the matter of Mr. Wilkins.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint Sept 2. 1885
New Orleans, La.
Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the

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rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Boston & Colo. Smlt'g Co. 40,000 ozs at $1.0550
Similar to Philadelphia Mint. Jas. P. Kimball
Immerman & Forshay 25000 ozs $1.0550 Director.
Fourth Natn'l Bank (additional 50,000 ozs @ $1.0550.)
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New Orleans, La.

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred four and eight tenth cents per ounce fine.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar to Philadelphia Mint.

Supt U. S. Assay Office September 2. 1885
New York.

Sir:—

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of this department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1885

Similar letters sent to
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.
Assayer in Charge St. Louis Mo. 1st. 2 gr.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office Sept. 2. 1884
New York.

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, as soon as they can be prepared.

It is necessary that the accounts should be in this bureau before the preparation of the tables for my annual report in order that the tables may be verified by them.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office Sept. 2. 1885.
New York City.

Sir:-

C/D. No. 779. for $1.000.40 being on account of unexpended appropriations for 1885- inclosed in your communication of the first instant has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary Accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for your institution for 1885 as follows: Wages $135. Contingent $865.40

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office Sept. 2. 1885
New York City

Sir:-

I see no grounds for receiving deposits of Chloride of Silver by your Office, and hereby authorize the

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refused to receive this compound as deposit.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New York.

Sept. 2. 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense (Final) account with abstract and vouchers for the month ending June 30. 1885.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New York.

Sept. 2. 1885

Sir:-

Your letter of the 1st instant in regard to recent shipments of bullion received from R. B. Harrison, Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, in which the silver exceeds the weight of the gold is received. You will please continue to hold such shipments per instructions from this bureau under date of May 15. 1885 until further advised. It is confidently expected that a decision will be made in the course of a few days, deciding at what rate Mr. Harrison should be allowed credit for the silver contained in the shipments referred to.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sept. 2. 1885.

Sir:-

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, as early as practicable five (5) obverse double eagle dies, 1885, advising this bureau when the same are shipped.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sept. 2 1885.

Sir:-

I return herewith for the endorsement of A. London Snowden, as Superintendent, the following gold Mint receipts belonging to his bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1885.

Nos. 702, 707, 725, 736, 741, 789, 886, 891, 922, 926, 982, and 988, also the following silver receipts belonging to the same accounts, Nos. 291, 403 and 476.

Please have them endorsed and return without delay.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sept. 2 1885

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $1.000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the

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present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion".

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Sept. 2. 1885

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September 1885, has been approved, for the sum of $34.000 payable from the following appropriations for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:-

Salaries	1886.	$2,000
Wages of Workmen	"	25.000
Contingent Expenses	"	5000

James P. Kimball
Director.

Superintendent
U. S. Mint, San Francisco Cal.

Sept. 2, 1885

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th ultimo, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to have prepared and forwarded to your mint as early as practicable five (5) obverse double eagle dies 1885.

James P. Kimball
Director

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Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sept. 2. 1885.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor for the quarter ended June 30, 1885 and supplemental Bullion Accounts for the month of July 1885, transmitted on the 26th ultimo.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Superintendent
U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

September 2. 1885

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 25th ultimo, copies of the report by George Davidson, Esq., on an examination of the weights and balances of the San Francisco Mint, in 1872, have been forwarded you by current mail.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City Idaho.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

Ctf. No. 6361. made with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia by the Superintendent of the mint in that city in your name for $23.68 the value of your sweep bar has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous

receipt.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter ending with "Secretary of the Treasury" sent to Supt. Mint Philadelphia, Pa.

Assayer in Charge Sept. 3. 1885
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I return herewith for correction your abstract sheets and Bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1885.

Nearly every deposit on the Abstract sheet is calculated incorrectly, the principal error being in the failure to deduct from the silver contained one Ninety ninth of the standard weight of the gold as required by the regulations and printed at the head of the silver column.

In the cases of deposits Nos. 365 and 366 the weights of the deposits have been transferred, occasioning an error of $3.62

The certificates of payment for all deposits after the 6th of June do not agree with the amount entered on the abstract sheets,

The net value in each case must correspond with the certificate,

The amount of the overpayments in these accounts is $9.24 with which amount you will charge yourself, and place that amount of money with your cash.

Referring to the Bullion Accounts therewith, I would enquire why you have not charged yourself with the gold and silver in the scrap bar recovered, Also how it is

that you have shipped $421.26 in silver and paid depositors $14.80 making a total of $436.06 while the silver deposited amounted to only $404.06. This is impossible and the account must be corrected.

You will notice that in the closing accounts of Mr. Camp returned there was no opening balance in the Silver Bullion a/c.

The gain or loss on the shipments must be declared and paid in the quarters accounts ending June 30th and the surplus charges if any, declared and carried to the credit of "Profit and Loss" and the balance in the latter a/c deposited in the Treasury.

Please give the examination and correction of these accounts your personal attention and return them with the corrected ones at the earliest possible moment.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

Commencing with the present fiscal year the charges collected of depositors for parting, refining, toughening, melting and the manufacture of bars will be deposited on the last day of each quarter with the nearest Assistant Treasurer as parting and refining charges and the charge for copper for alloying gold will be deposited at the same time separately under the title of "alloy charge"

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar to
New Orleans Mint, Philadelphia &
New York Assay Office.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

The Gold Coin Account belonging to your Bullion Account for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, is herewith returned for correction as indicated in pencil.

Please return the accompanying account with the corrected one at the earliest moment practicable.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of September 1885, has been approved for the sum of $424.10 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:- 1886.

Salaries,	$224.10
Contingent Expenses "	200.-

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstract and Vouchers, for the month

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ending August 31. 1885.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.,

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

Yours of the 28th ultimo, is before me enclosing statement of the Assistant Assayer, Mr. Sow, and confirmed by you, to the effect that your institution is without proper facilities for conducting assays of ores for the benefit of customers.

In view of your declaration that such work at present is mere "guesswork", and that "it has "long been known to me (yourself) that the ore "assays of this Mint have not been deemed reli-"able by the general public, and that the reason "may be found, probably in the limited facili-"ties for making them", you are hereby instruct-ed to decline to receive ores for assay in the future. No necessity exists, it is believed, for conducting such work on the part of the Mint at Denver, the public being doubtless abundantly served by private establishments.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 13574 dated August 24. 1885 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. Shipment

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no 3. dated August 18. 1885, and find the gross value to be $23,213.90 charges $58.28 and net value $23,155.62, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar except No. and amount to
St. Louis Mo. Assayer in Charge.
#1369. Aug. 26th. Shipment #28. gross value $11.358.73 charges $35.54 and net value $11.473.19.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver, Col.

Sept. 3. 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo in reference to cupels and from which it appears that the cupels made from the bone ash bought in Denver are of better quality than has heretofore been purchased east and forwarded to your mint, you should purchase the cupels from bone ash in your city.

You are further instructed that in future all supplies of a chemical character must be purchased by you, as this bureau cannot undertake to purchase the same or in any way be responsible for their character.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

September 3, 1885.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo, enclosing bill of Mr. Ainsworth, amounting to $23.00 for setting new scales, it would appear that this bill was contracted and order given to Ainsworth to do the work without any agreement on your part with him; and as the charge for the service is excessive, the account is returned to you with the information that as it stands at present its payment will not be approved by this bureau.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Sub Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ended March 31st and June 30th 1885, have been examined in this bureau. In the account for the first named quarter there are two entries ~~of which~~ of which an explanation is desired viz:-

In your Collection Account you have transferred to "Profit and Loss Account" the sum of $1508.30 and deposited in the Treasury the sum of $1558.64, creating a deficiency of $871.45. As the charges collected during the year on the bullion shipped the mint exceeded the charges imposed at the mint by the sum of $2392.94, it would seem incorrect to have this account show a deficiency. You will please explain each of these entries fully and how it

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happens that your Collection Account is short $81.45 at the end of March.

Your Account for the second quarter is herewith returned as the "Profit and Loss Account" has not been stated.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.,

September 3. 1885.

Sir:-

Laborers' wages cannot be paid out of contingent funds, and no deficiency in the appropriations must be created with the view of supplying such deficiency by appropriation from Congress. This is in reply to your request of the 22d. of August, with reference to Mr. O'Dowd.

Your attention is again called to the necessity for bringing your payrolls for workmen within the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen," and I need not remind you that any failure to observe this requirement is incurring a personal liability for any excess.

The action of this Bureau cannot be predicated on your individual exertions towards "securing a deficiency appropriation", as suggested in your letter of the 22d.

In this connection I have to refer you to the communication from this Bureau of the 31st of July and August 26th.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

September 3, 1885

Sir:-

As your June account of Ordinary Expenses has not been received, what you propose in your letter of the 24th ultimo in regard to compensation of H. L. Walker for services to June 30th, seems justifiable, provided you have a sufficient balance out of which to pay him, as stated in your letter.

With your relations to Mr. Walker from the commencement of the present fiscal year this Bureau has no concern, as his employment has been without its approval, and in view of the excess of your expenditures over the appropriation for "Wages of Workmen".

The Ordinary Expense Accounts of the Helena Assay Office for June and July are over due at this Bureau, and you are required to forward them without further delay.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. H. A. Herbert
Metropolitan Hotel.

September 3, 1885

Sir:-

Referring to the letter of this Bureau of the 29th ultimo, the estimated amount of gold annually consumed in the arts and manufactures should have been given as $70,000,000. and not $15,000,000 as stated therein, being an error of copyist.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Enclosures to preceeding letter

Hon. H. A. Herbert, September 3. 1885
Metropolitan Hotel.

Sir:-

As requested by you, verbally, to day, I forward you herewith a statement showing the estimated production of gold and silver in the world, each year, from the discovery of gold in California to the present time.

The estimates for the years 1850, 1851 and 1852 are by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics. The estimates from 1853 to 1875 inclusive, were furnished by Dr. Henry R. Linderman, Director of the Mint, upon data furnished by Prof. R. W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics. Estimates from 1876 to 1883. are taken from the reports of the Director of the Mint.

No estimate has been made for the year 1884, but it is presumed that the production did not vary materially from that of the preceeding year.

Very respectfully
James P. Kimball
Director.

These are the figures on record in the Bureau.

J. P. K.

Year	Gold value	Silver value
1850.	* 58.000.000	* 43.000.000
1851.	* 86.000.000	* 42.000.000
1852	* 110.000.000	* 42.000.000
1853	† 155.000.000	† 40.500.000
1854	127.000,000	40.500.000
1855	135.000.000	40.500.000
1856	147.500.000	40.500.000

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1857.	133.000.000	40.500.000
1858.	124.500.000.	40.500.000
1859.	124.500.000.	40.500.000
1860.	119.000.000.	40.500.000
1861.	114.000.000.	42.500.000
1862.	107.500.000.	45.000.000
1863.	107.000.000	49.000.000
1864.	113.000.000.	51.500.000
1865.	120.000.000.	52.000.000
1866.	121.000.000.	50.500.000
1867.	116.000.000.	54.000.000
1868.	120.000.000.	50.000.000
1869.	121.000.000.	47.500.000
1870.	116.000.000.	57.500.000
1871.	116.500.000.	61.000.000
1872.	101.500.000.	65.000.000
1873.	103.500.000.	70.000.000
1874.	90.500.000.	71.500.000
1875.	† 97.500.000.	† 62.000.000
1876.	103,703.000.	87.689.000
1877.	114.000.000.	81.000.000
1878.	119.000.000.	94.900.000
1879.	108.700.000.	96.170.000
1880.	106.400.000.	96.700.000
1881.	103.000.000.	102.150.000
1882.	98.700.000.	110.000.000
1883.	94.000.000.	114.200.000.
1884.	‡ 94.000,000.	‡ 114.200.000.
Total.	3.026.003.000.	2.177.009.000.

* Estimate Chief of Bureau of Statistics.

† Estimate from 1853 to 1870 inclusive - of Prof. R. M. Raymond, furnished by Dr. E. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint.

‡ No Estimate made - about the same as 1883.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Ctf. #6360 for $188.72 being on account of surplus bullion inclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury a "Miscellaneous receipt"

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

From an examination of the abstract sheets of the bullion accounts of your predecessor for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, it would seem as if it has not been the practice at your mint to make the deduction of 1/99 of the standard weight of gold from the standard weight of the silver contained in gold deposited for payment in gold bars. The Regulations make no exception in this respect as to deposits for bars and you are hereby instructed to make the deduction from the silver of 1/99 of the standard gold contained in all cases.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 3, 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo, enclosing blank forms of books for use in the departments of your Mint, in order to enable you to carry out the system of departmental expense accounts suggested in my letter of the 20th ultimo, I would state that the forms sent you, and which the headings of the blanks forwarded by you are a copy, were intended only for statements, and not as a guide for keeping the debit and credit accounts referred to in my letter.

The accounts suggested, can be kept in any ordinary ledger, the object being to show the cost of each department, and consequently, I do not consider the preparation of books with the headings forwarded by you, necessary.

The forms are herewith returned,

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

September 3, 1885

Sir:-

Referring to the dispatch from this bureau of this date, fixing the quota of silver coinage at your Mint at $800,000 for the month of September, I would state that it is the intention to allow this proportion of coinage for your mint each month in order to avoid the necessity of reducing the force of your mint within the regular appropriation for

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Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 2d. instant, a copy of the printed book of Estimates of Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, has been forwarded to your mint by mail.

Very respectfully
James P. Kimball
Director.

accounts referred to in my letter.

The accounts suggested, can be kept in any ordinary ledger, the object being to show the cost of each department, and consequently, I do not consider the preparation of books with the headings forwarded by you, necessary.

The forms are herewith returned,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

September 3, 1885

Sir:-

Referring to the dispatch from this bureau of this date, fixing the quota of silver coinage at your Mint at $800,000 for the month of September, I would state that it is the intention to allow this proportion of coinage for your mint each month in order to avoid the necessity of reducing the force of your mint within the regular appropriation for

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"wages of workmen". It is expected that this coinage will be executed during regular hours and that no overtime will be allowed, especially in the general department.

From the present rate of expenditures at your mint for labor it is evident that the appropriation made for "Wages of Workmen and Adjusters", viz: $74,000 will not be sufficient to meet the expenses of the year. While it is expected that some provision will be made to supply the necessary deficiency, it is highly important that the deficiency should be no greater than the proper execution of the necessary business of the Mint renders necessary.

From an examination of the rolls of the general department of your mint, it would seem as if the following reductions can be made without impairing the efficiency of your mint.

viz:- One clerk, one coiner's, 4 workmen and 3 cutters.

You will please make a careful examination as to the duties performed by each of the persons employed in the general department, and if this reduction can be made without effecting the efficiency of the mint, you are hereby instructed to carry the same into effect, and you will report to me whether any other reduction can be made in the general department.

You will also request the coiner to examine into the force employed in his department and report to me whether any reduction of force can be made

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in that department and the coinage of $800.000 silver dollars be executed each month during regular working hours.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U.S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 3. 1885.

Sir:-

It would appear that the gold deposits of your Mint covering a period of 16 months have not been refined and are in the same condition as when they left the deposit melting room and I am informed that your refinery is not in condition to separate and refine these deposits. It is estimated that the repairs necessary to put your refinery into condition for handling this bullion successfully, will cost in the neighborhood of $1.500. You will make requisition on this office for this sum, from the appropriation for Assaying and refining bullion, and also for such additional sum from the same appropriation as unnecessary to refine the bullion now in your Mint, not to exceed, including repairs, the sum of $2.000.

It is expected that this bullion can be refined without any additional expense for labor so that the the only expense necessary to be incurred will be for materials.

It is considered important that the gold and silver contained in this bullion should be separated and put in such condition that it can be utilized when necessary, and it is desired that hereafter the deposits at your institution be separated and refined from time to time when the business of the melting department will permit.

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Very respectfully
James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Paragraph 9, Chapter 329, of the Supplement to the Revised Statutes, requires that the moneys arising from the charges collected of depositors for parting and refining bullion shall be applied to defraying expenses of those operations. It would seem necessary and proper that the expenses incident to these operations at your mint should be paid from the charges collected of depositors.

You are therefore instructed to make requisition monthly for such an advance of funds from the appropriation for "Parting and Refining Bullion" as may be necessary to meet the expenses referred to, not to exceed, however, the charges collected at your Mint, each month, and you will render a monthly account of the disbursement of the same similar to your ordinary expense account.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 3. 1885

Coin Eight Hundred Thousand silver dollars in September.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Collect government rates.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 3, 1885.

Sir:-

Referring to letter of this Bureau of current date, you will in addition to the information requested therein, notify the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. in your city of the value of each shipment of bullion as per invoice received from Mr. Harrison, Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

September 3, 1885.

Sir:-

Referring to the quotation for sterling exchange telegraphed by you to this Bureau on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, you will please go to Messrs. Charles Unger & Co. and say to Mr. Kohlstadt that Mr. Jordan, the Treasurer, asks the favor of the quotation for actual business of the day of inquiry:

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

September 3, 1885

See P. 284

Sir:-

You will please report to this Bureau, as received by you, the value of each shipment of bullion made by R. B. Harrison, Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office, Helena Montana, as per invoices forwarded you. You will also please furnish this

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office September 3. 1885
New York.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 1st inst. relative to the charges imposed on gold deposit #49, in which you state that the silver was not credited to the depositor because the charge for parting would have exceeded the value of the silver more than the refining charge imposed and the depositor would thus have suffered a loss, you will please inform me under what authority of law or regulation this ruling is made.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint September 3. 1885
San Francisco, Cal.,

Sir:-

Commencing with the present fiscal year the charges collected of depositors for parting, refining, toughening, melting, and the manufacture of bars will be deposited on the last day of each quarter with the nearest Assistant Treasurer as "parting and refining charges" and the charge for copper for alloying gold will be deposited at the same time separately under the title of "alloy charge"

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge September 3. 1885
U. S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find your daily statement of receipts and

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this bureau with the memorandum of the value of such bullion as per the Assayer's report of your office as early as practicable after its receipt, that a transfer of the same from the bullion fund of the Helena office to that of your office, may be made without delay.

Very respectfully
James P. Kimball
Director.

what authority of law or regulation this ruling is made.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.,

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Commencing with the present fiscal year the charges collected of depositors for parting, refining, toughening, melting, and the manufacture of bars will be deposited on the last day of each quarter with the nearest Assistant Treasurer as "parting and refining charges" and the charge for copper for alloying gold will be deposited at the same time separately under the title of "alloy charge"

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Sb. Louis, Mo.

September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find your daily Statement of receipts and

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balances on the 31st ultimo, returned for correction as indicated in pencil,

The amount of check drawn on the Assistant Treasurer having been omitted.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Hon Daniel Manning, September 3, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:-

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased Fifty thousand dollars, ($50.000.) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

James P. Kimball
Director,

Hon Daniel Manning September 3, 1885
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:-

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety seven 50/100 dollars ($22,897.50,) in gold coin, and Two hundred and Fifty-eight and 12/100 dollars ($258.12) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-three Thousand One hundred and fifty-five and 62/100 dollars ($23,155.62,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at

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Denver, Col., as shown by memorandum No. 1354 dated August 24, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

James P. Kimball
Director.

St. Louis, Mo. September 3d 1885.

Similar except amount from Assay Office St. Louis, Mo. to Phila Pa.

Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Seven 50/100 dollars ($11,297.50) in Gold Coin and one Hundred and Seventy five 69/100 dollars ($175.69) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy three 19/100 dollars, ($11,473.19) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by memorandum No. 1369 dated August 26. 1885, of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

James P. Kimball
Director.

The Hon. Secretary of The Treasury, September 3. 1885

Sir:-

Heretofore the coinage of double eagles by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco appears to have been in his own discretion. The coinage for the month of August, 1885, $4,080,000, was all in double eagles. I find in the records of this Bureau no special instructions upon the subject later than the 17th of October, 1884, a copy of which is enclosed.

Henceforth the Superintendents of the Mints at New Orleans and San Francisco will,

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will you consent, be instructed from this Bureau by the last day of each month what relative proportion of gold coins will be required by the Treasury Department for the ensuing month, as may be indicated from time to time - perhaps through the Treasurer of the United States.

I desire to have your wishes as to the denomination of gold coin to be struck during the current month by the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Enclosures

H. S. Hodge, October 21st 1881
Esq., Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

For the convenience of the bankers and business of the Pacific Coast, where for heavy transactions a greater amount of gold is employed than in other parts of the country using more generally paper circulation, it is deemed advisable, and you are instructed to coin a portion of the gold bullion belonging to the Bullion Fund in your Mint into Double Eagles, instead of Eagles, reducing the coinage of the latter, but continuing, as now, to coin the greater proportion into half eagles.

Approved,
W. Windom
Secretary.

Respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard
Director

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Enclosure

October 17. 1884.

E. Y. Burling, Esq.
Supt. Mint,
San Francisco

Sir:-

Having noticed that the gold coinage at your Mint is mostly in double eagles I desire to call your attention to the enclosed copies of orders in respect to that coinage, which were given after careful consideration and upon consultation with the Secretaries of the Treasury, whose wishes and policy in this respect, as they had the right to designate the coinage of the bullion belonging to the Government, I aimed to carry out.

These orders have not since been changed, and doubtless have not been followed at your mint because your attention was not officially called to them. Hereafter however, please cause gold ingots to be prepared for, and coins struck therefrom of the denominations and as far as practicable and your business will permit in the proportion of each directed in my letter of October 21, 1881.

Very respectfully
Horatio C. Burchard
Director.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise City.

September 4th 1885

Sir:-

Official communications to

to the Bureau of the Mint will be addressed to the Director of the Mint, whether in reply to communications signed by the Director or by Acting Director.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar to all Mints and Assay Offices.

September 4th 1885

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

Hereafter instructions will be given the Superintendent of the several Mints, not later than the first day of each month, as to the approximate relative proportions of the several denominations of gold and silver coin to be struck during the month.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter to
Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans.
" " " Philadelphia, Pa.,
" " " San Francisco Cal.

A. W. Cartwright, Esq. September 4, 1885.
Room 22, C. P. R. R.
Corner 4th and Townsend Sts
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 25th ultimo offering to furnish a statement for the current year of the shipment of bullion over the Central and Southern Pacific Railroad, I would say that it is not probable that I shall continue the compilation of this information. If however, I should decide that a report

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of the shipments over the roads named is desirable, I will write you on the subject later.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

September 4, 1885.

Sir:-

Referring to the abstract sheets accompanying your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, your attention is respectfully directed to the following discrepancies in calculating mint charges.

April 3, deposit No. 152, made by A. G. Brenizer, there is an undercharge of 66¢ on the first, 64¢ on the second, and 66¢ on the third,

Deposit May 5, by the same person, receipt No. 218, there is an undercharge of 65¢ on the first, 67¢ on the second and 65¢ on the third.

Deposit June 4, by the same party, receipt #273. there is an undercharge of 73¢ on the first, 74¢ on the second, 73¢ on the third and 69¢ on the fourth.

Deposit June 4, made by G. W. Pitchee No 272, charge for assaying, melting and stamping should be 47¢ while the charge imposed is 38¢ undercharge 9¢.

Please let me hear from you at once in regard to these errors.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
87 Wall Street
New York.

Sept. 4th 1885

Your Offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at one hundred four and half cents per ounce fine.

Confirmed

James P. Kimball
Director

Similar to
James B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St. New York.

Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau Street, New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmerman & Forshay,
19 Wall Street, New York.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Denver Mint.

September 4 1885

Sir:-

The package received from you containing as per advice in your letter of the 24th ultimo, 3.85 ounces of gold, stated to have been received from your predecessor as proof gold and which you claim is not such, has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to remit you the value thereof, but before destroying its identity to have a test made and ascertain how far it

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varies from being proof.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge September 4, 1885
U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Referring to your communication of the 31st ultimo, submitting for my decision the question as to which one or both the laborers in the Assay department are entitled to compensation for labor on the 1st of August, I would reply that I consider this a matter for your decision as you are more fully in possession of the facts relating to the labor performed.

James P. Kimball
Director.

First Auditor September 4, 1885
Treasury Department

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion Accounts of the late Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Quarter ending March 31st 1885. rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena, Mont.

September 4, 1885.

Sir:-

It has been decided to accept and transfer to the Assay Office at New York the bullion purchased by you between the months of February and April 1885, containing large quantities of silver. As it is not desirable to purchase any considerable quantity of silver at so distant a point as your office and pay the cost of transporting the same to New York, you will restrict your purchases of bullion to deposits containing not less than 500 parts of gold. Other bullion may be received as deposits for unparted bars.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

September 4th 1885

Sir:-

In my letter of the 11th ultimo, sanctioning your occupancy of the dwelling attached to the Mint, it did not occur to me that any necessity would arise for specially informing you that this occupancy by the Superintendent involves no perquisites whatever.

Your application for carpets for private apartments cannot for obvious reasons be approved. But it suggests occasion to remark that a continued occupancy of the dwelling will depend upon a scrupulous avoidance on the part of the tenant of anything which might be construed in the light of perquisites at the cost of the

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the Mint.

Any requisition for carpets for official quarters should be made for quantity required and cost per yard, laid.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

September 4. 1885

Sir:-

Please have forwarded without delay, a statement, exhibiting in detail, the deposits made prior to the first of January 1885, paid during the quarter ended March 31. 1885. to accompany the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor for the latter period.

I would say for your information that a similar statement should always accompany the Bullion accounts when there are any payments of certificates of prior quarters.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 4. 1885.

Forward nominations in operative departments.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Collect Govt. rates.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sept. 4. 1885

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to one hundred and four cents per ounce fine

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 4, 1885.

Until further advised you will confine your coinage, of gold to the denomination of half eagles.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 4, 1885

Sir:-

Hereafter in preparing your abstract sheets you will enter after the totals of the deposits, the value and mode of payment of the deposits of the quarter unpaid at its close, and make the deductions so that the sheets will show the exact value and mode of payment of the deposits of the quarter paid. This is necessary in order to enable this bureau to verify the entries in the deposit account showing the amount paid in gold and silver coin for deposits and purchases of the quarter.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Charles M. Gorham Esq.
Coiner U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.,

September 4. 1885

Sir:-

Your Official bond forwarded on the 25th ultimo to take the place of the one now on file in this department is herewith returned, not being satisfactory, for the reason that the sureties have not qualified in any real estate securities. You will please execute another bond with sureties who

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can certify to real property.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

September 4. 1885

Sir:-

Registration has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Letters of advice of shipment of standard silver dollars, and as requested in your letter of the 1st inst, 5,000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

by E.O.L.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Late Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans La.

September 4. 1885

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31st 1885. with my approval.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sept. 4. 1885

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ending June 30 1885.

James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

September 4, 1885

Sir:-

It having been decided by the proper officials of the department to accept the bullion received by Mr. R. B. Harrison, Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, and forwarded to your office containing less than 800 parts of gold, you will please transmit to this bureau as early as practicable, memorandums showing the value of all such bullion received by you from Mr. Harrison in order that proper transfers may be made without further delay.

James P. Kimball,
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.,

September 4th 1885

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 28th, what is desired in the matter is bald statement for reference to the Ordnance Office, of arms and ammunition, showing one gun missing, to be so entered.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 4, 1885

Sir:-

There is sent you to day per registered mail, a package received by this bureau from Posey S. Wilson, Assayer in charge U. S. Mint, at Denver, Col. and said to contain 3.85 ounces of gold which Mr. Wilson states that he received from his predecessor as

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proof gold. You will please receive and after ascertaining the value of the same, transmit the amount to Mr. Wilson. Before however destroying the identity of the gold, it is advisable that you should cause a test to be made to ascertain whether it is proof gold and inform this bureau of the result of such test. Mr. Wilson in his letter transmitting the same, claims that it is not proof and it is desirable as he received it from his predecessor as such that the facts should be definitely ascertained.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia,

September 4 1885

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to Press copy books, I infer that the kind you are now using are more satisfactory than those furnished by the department and you are authorized to procure a suitable supply.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 4, 1885

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find copy of a letter received at this bureau from the Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. in reference to the character of bars forwarded to the mints upon sales of silver bullion made by them, in reply to a letter addressed to them by this Bureau upon receipt of your letter of

the 14th ultimo enclosing copy of a letter addressed to you by the Melter and Refiner reciting the objectionable features in the bars received from the Kansas City and Boston and Colorado Smelting Company

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt. U. S. Mint — September 4, 1885.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:-

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver at your mint in lots less than 10,000 ounces will be 104¢ per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Superintendent U. S. Mint — September 14th 1885
Philadelphia, Pa.

Comptroller declines to advance amount of your requisition for funds until additional vouchers covering disbursements by you are received at the Department.

James P. Kimball
Director.

W. A. Skidmore Esq. — September 4, 1885
#820 Sansom St.
San Francisco, Cal.,

Sir:-

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 22d ult. offering your services in the preparation of an article on the condition of mining in California, I would say that I am not decided as yet to what extent I shall continue the publishing of miscellaneous articles on mining

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matters, but if your services should be desired, I will communicate further with you upon the subject toward the close of the year.

James P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram — Assayer in Charge, — September 4th 1885

Boise City, Idaho.

Please forward without delay form Two Hundred Forty Nine, monthly statement of balances of bullion, coin and lawful money on hand June thirtieth.

James P. Kimball,
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram — Assayer in Charge, — September 5th 1885

Helena, Mont.

Forward immediately corrected bullion accounts for June thirtieth, entering gain or loss on shipments of the year and surplus charges collected, also statement showing same, and your quarterly and annual statements of earnings and expenditures.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram — Supt. Mint, — September 5th 1885

New Orleans.

Forward statement Earnings and Expenditures quarter March thirty first to-day.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

James B. Colgate and Co. — September 5th 1885

47 Wall Street, N. Y.

Offer of one hundred four and half good for yesterday only

Will accept amount offered by you at one

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hundred four and quarter good for to-day only.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

J. and W. Seligman and Co. New York

First Auditor, September 5th 1885
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer-in-Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, for the quarter ending March 31st 1885 rendered by me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

The charges collected for melting, assaying and stamping, and moneys arising from assays of ores and sales of old material, and any profits arising during the quarter, will be deposited on the last day of the quarter with the nearest Assistant Treasurer or U. S. depositary so that the profit and loss account in the bullion accounts will show no balance on hand at the close of the quarter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Assayer in Charge, Charlotte, N. C.

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Assayer in Charge, Helena, Mont.
Assayer in Charge, St. Louis, Mo.
Supt. Mint, Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction your "Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended March 31, 1885. The amount expended for "Wages of Workmen" as shown by your "Expenditures Accounts" for January, February and March was $3,048.25 not including $12.00 disallowed in the pay of Mr. Scott; you have entered the expenses for wages on this statement as $2990.75.

The expenditures for "Contingent Expenses" as shown by the same account, amount to $1992.19 not including the amount paid for the "Stock Growing Journal," disallowed. The amount entered on this statement as expended during the quarter is $2,315.19.

Please return the enclosed statement with the corrected one.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

As telegraphed you to-day, you will please forward without delay a corrected set of bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, showing the gain or loss on shipments of the year and the profit arising from surplus charges collected for the New York Assay Office, also a statement showing in detail the shipment and amount allowed on each and the net gain or loss. This statement is required with the final accounts each year and has been rendered hitherto.

I find that you have failed to forward your "Quarterly Statement of Earnings and Expenditures" for the quarter ended June 30, 1885 and also your "Annual Statement." As the time has arrived for the preparation of the annual statements for the Director's Report it is necessary that all of your annual statements should be in, that they may be checked by your accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your attention is directed to the following discrepancies on the abstract sheets of your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885.

Certificate No. 331 is entered on the abstract sheets as $168.00; the certificate calls for $186.00

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Certificate No. 590, the deposit is entered on the abstract sheet in the name of the First National Bank but is made out in the name of the Merchants' Bank.

Deposit No. 191, made by Geo. H. Hill, Secretary, gross weight is 103.16 entered on the abstract sheets 103.5

Deposit, No. 298. gold contained is .868½ entered on the abstract sheets .686½.

Deposit, No. 365, standard weight of the gold is calculated 17.322 should be 17.325.

Deposit No. 369, standard weight of the silver, is calculated 222.46 should be 222.40.

Deposit No. 514, First National Bank, Helena, there is an over payment of 8¢ for melting, assaying and stamping.

Deposit No. 531, Merchants' National Bank there is an under charge of 4¢ on account of same.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memoranda Nos. 1461, 1493, 1537, 1560 & and 1571 dated April, 23, 27, 29 + 30, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the Assay Office at New York. Shipments No. 219, 220, 221, 223 + 224, dated April 15, 17, 20, 23 + 24, 1885, and find the gross value to be $31,529.20, charges $160.63, and net value $31,368.57, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Assay Office at New York. Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 5th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of August and forwarded to this Bureau for special assay have been received viz:

8 Std. Silver Dollars $8.—

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 5th 1885
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1885, has been approved for the sum of $13,700.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1886,	$2700.—
Wages of Workmen,	1886,	8000.—
Contingent Expenses,	1886,	3000.—

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 5th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for,

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as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Clark Dodge & Co. 75000 Ounces, at $ 1.0450

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except names &c. sent to Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Purchased of Handy & Cronise, 75,000 Ounces, at $1.0450

Supt. Mint, September 5th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In preparing the balance sheets of your bullion accounts hereafter you will please enumerate the number of standard ounces.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 5th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant enclosing statement of silver purchased at your mint from the 16th to 31st of August, 1885, has been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, September 5th/85
New York.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the

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U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of your Institution of $31,368.57 the net value of bullion shipments No. 219, 220, 221, 223 and 224 as called for by Memoranda Nos. 1461, 1493, 1537, 1560 & and 1571 of your office, dated April 23, 27, 29 and 30th 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to deposit #91 of your abstract sheets for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, you are hereby instructed that where the silver contained is not allowed the depositor, it should not be entered on the abstract sheets.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 5th 1885
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Hereafter you will please state in your bullion accounts the standard weight of gold and silver on hand at the commencement and close of the quarter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 5th 1885
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana to that of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-six 84/100 Dollars, ($26,496.84) in Gold Coin, and Forty-eight Hundred and Seventy-one 73/100 Dollars, ($4871.73) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-one Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-eight 57/100 Dollars ($31,368.57) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memoranda No. 1461, 1493, 1537, 1560 & and 1571 dated April 23, 27, 29 + 30, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, September 5th 1885
Groton, Mass.

Sir: -

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant inquiring as to the relative value of the gold and silver dollar of the United States on or about January 1, 1879, I would say that the price of silver in the London market at the date named was 60.5 pence per ounce British standard (.925 fine) equal to $1.3262 per ounce fine, making the value of the silver in a silver dollar at that date $1.026 in U.S. gold coin.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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W. P. Blake, Esq.,
Mill Rock, New Haven,
Connecticut.

September 5th 1885.

Sir:

The sixth volume of "Materalien zur, &c," containing on page 328 the original of one of the illustrations to your article in the report on production of precious metals for 1884 having been delivered to this Bureau by the Public Printer, for transmission to you, it has been forwarded to your address by current mail.

In order to expedite the publication of the report, the engraving has been compared here with the original and returned to the printer as correct.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon S. P. Rounds,
Public Printer.

September 5th 1885.

Sir:

Herewith I return revised proofs of one of the illustrations to Prof. Blake's article in the report on production of precious metals for 1884, enclosed in your letter of the 4th instant and found to be correct.

I would request that you expedite the publication of the report as rapidly as possible and send this Office the paged proof of Prof. Blake's article, that the preparation of the "Index of Subjects" may be finished. It is complete with that exception.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Telegram. Assayer in Charge, September 7th 1885
Boise City, I.T.

You should accept the reduction in transportation charges made by the Express Company.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer-in-Charge, September 7th/85.
Helena, Mont.

Fifty Thousand Dollars placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, September 7, 1885
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending August 31st 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Assayer in Charge, September 7th 1885
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Shipment statement No. 4 is returned herewith for your signature also shipments No. 4 and 5 with the request that the footings be written in ink and that the manner of shipment be inserted on Statement No. 4.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 7th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find blank bond with affidavits of surety and official oath which you will request Mr. Hyder A. Kennedy, the Assistant Melter and Refiner to execute in the sum of $10,000.—, and upon the proper execution of the same you will forward the bond to this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 7th 1885
New Orleans.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause to be deposited in your name in the Treasury of the U. S. the sum of $437,910.12 (the same being net profits on the coinage of silver dollars at your mint for the quarter ended June 30, 1885) and that the bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer by the same amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 7th 1885
New Orleans.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 3rd instant you are authorized to cut down the two trees in the grounds of the mint which obstruct the light in the adjusting room, the book-keeper's

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room and that occupied by the Adjuster of scales

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 7th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward sample sheet of form No. 182, for the books requested in your letter of the 5th instant

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 7th 1885.
Secretary Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, the sum of Four Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ten and $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars ($437,910.12) the same being the net profits on the coinage of silver dollars for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

W. S. W. Ruschenberger September 7th 1885.
1932 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your request of the 27th ultimo, I have to inform you that Dr. Robt. E. Rogers was

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appointed a member of the Annual Assay Commission January 31, 1874; January 19, 1875, and January 21, 1876, January 22, 1877; January 30, 1878; and January 30, 1879.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Messrs. Swab Bros. & Co. September 7th 1885
730 North 3rd corner Cherry St.
Philadelpia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant to the Treasurer of the United States has been referred to this bureau, and in reply I would state that the Superintendent of the mint in your city is authorized to purchase trade dollars and pay for the same at the rate he is authorized on the day of delivery at the mint to pay for silver bullion in lots of less than 10,000 ounces. At present the price for such bullion is 104c per ounce fine, at which rate a full weight trade dollar would be worth 81 9/10c. However, it is probable that the trade dollars held by you have lost more or less by abrasion, and you would not realize more than about 81c per piece.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram. Clark, Dodge and Co. September 8th 1885
57 Wall Street, N.Y.

Your offers accepted for New Orleans.

James P. Kimball,
Director

Confirmed

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Telegram. Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. September 8th 1885

Denver Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred four and fifteen hundredth cents per ounce fine for Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,

James P. Kimball.

Director

Confirmed

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, September 8th 1885

New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred four and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine.

James P. Kimball,

Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram. J. & W. Seligman & Co. New York

" Zimmerman and Forshay, 19 Wall Street, New York.

First Auditor, September 8th 1885

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in-charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,

James P. Kimball

Director.

Similar letter except names &c. sent to

First Auditor, transmitting accts. of Supt. Mint at N.O.

" " " " " " "

Philadelphia for quarter ending March 31, 1885.

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Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885
Carson.

Sir:

On and after July 1, 1885, the moneys received for making assays of ores and bullion and from the sales of old material, will not be entered in the quarterly bullion accounts, but will be taken up on the quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures and the amount so received will be deposited with the nearest Assistant Treasurer or United States Depository on the last of each quarter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint,	New Orleans
" Assay Office	New York
" Mint	Philadelphia
" "	San Francisco
Assayer in Charge	Boise City, I.T.
" " "	Charlotte, N.C.
" " "	Denver, Colo
" " "	Helena, Mont.
" " "	St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer in Charge, September 8th 1885
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, explaining errors in imposing charges on certain deposits entered on your abstract sheets for the quarter ended June 30th, to which your attention was directed in my letter of the 4th instant, I would reply that there is no authority for treating

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several deposits which require separate melts and assays as one because they happen to be made by the same individual, and you are hereby instructed that wherever separate melts are required the charge required by the Regulations will be imposed for each.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

September 8th 1885.

Sir:

In respect to Deposit No. 272 in which there is an under charge of 9¢, you will place that amount to the credit of your Profit and Loss Account and charge yourself with the same in your accounts for the current quarter.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball.
Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

September 8th 1885

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant, asking authority to expend a sum not exceeding fifty dollars in the purchase of foreign books on Mineralogy and Geology has been received.

Books for private ownership can not be imported free of duty, even when intended for the use of employees of the United States Institutions. I therefore cannot aid you in the matter.

With regard to your other suggestion, no appropriation for your Assay Office is available for the purpose. Very respectfully, James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 8th 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 1885 have been received.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Assay Office, September 8th 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of your office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887 has been received.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Please make me a statement of the number of workmen employed in the mechanical department of your mint, with the amounts of wages paid, for the same period covered by your report upon the Orr and Hess Machine Company work in the Philadelphia Mint.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

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Assayer in Charge, September 8th 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

Similar letter except date sent to
Date Supt. Mint, N. O.
" " " Phila. for quarter ended March 31/85

Assayer in Charge, September 8th 1885
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds transmitted on the 3rd instant, as stated in your letter, has not been received at this office.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 8th 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I received by mail this morning the bullion accounts of your predecessor for the quarter ended June 30, and also his supplemental accounts for the month of July, accompanied by the assay reports and the statement of shipments, but the abstract sheets were not enclosed with them. Please forward the abstract sheets at once.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball, Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 8th 1885.
Helena Mont.

Sir:

Upon receipt of this please forward your annual statements of "Deposits and Purchases" and "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. Assay Office, New York

Supt. Mint, September 8th/85.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
1000 Receipts for partial payment for services.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil, annual statement No. 208, showing the wastages and loss on sale of sweeps during the fiscal year, and the mode of reimbursement. Please return the enclosed statement with corrected one at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Clark, Dodge & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0419
" " " 75,000 " " 1.0418

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

One thousand blank receipts for partial payment of services of employés for use in your Mint, have been received from the Government Printer and mailed you to-day. In forwarding these blanks, I do so without approving of their use. The frequent advance of compensation to employés has a tendency to encourage extravagance and the payment on loose receipts has been forbidden by the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the officers and employés in this building. It would seem as if the semi-monthly system of payments either on temporary rolls or loose receipts might be instituted at your Mint and any further advance during the month discontinued.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball, Director

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Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 4th inst., enclosing a number of blank forms to be used in your Mint for furnishing the bookkeeper with the necessary information to make the entries in his ledgers, I would say that it is highly important that the information called for by these blanks should be furnished, and I have made requisition on the Government Printer for a supply of them. When they are received at your institution you will issue the necessary instructions to the Cashier, Weigh Clerk and Abstract Clerk to furnish the information regularly and promptly called for by the blanks.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball.

Supt. Mint, September 8th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Upon receipt of this please forward your annual statements of "Deposits and Purchases" and "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production" for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

September 8th 1885

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 29th ultimo, and the enclosure from your Assayer, as well as to letters from this Bureau of the 22nd and 25th ultimo, in reference to the purchase of three Oertling Balances for the use of the Assay department of your Mint, I have to say that the preference of your Assayer for Oertling Balances cannot be indulged without entailing unnecessary extra cost upon the Government.

No such demands are made by the Assayer of the other Mints and Assay Offices of the United States. Charged with equally important and delicate work, these institutions are mainly or regularly now supplied with chemical and assay balances of American manufacture.

Standing side by side with Oertling Balances, those of Becker and Troemner are preferred both by the regular officers of the Mints and Assay Offices and by members of the several Assay Commissions, as I am reliably informed.

I am, therefore, obliged to reaffirm my letter of the 25th ultimo.

Should no objection arise in the mean time, the next Assay Commission may be requested to decide proposals for chemical and assay balances to be used in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, and the agents of the Oertling Balances be invited to join in such proposals, including the San Francisco agents for these balances.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball,
Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 8th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In explanation of the accompanying Circular which I submit for your approval, I have the honor to state that in my opinion the execution of assays and analyses of ores, and other miscellaneous minerals, by the Mints and Assay Offices, in competition with private chemists, confers little benefit upon the public and entails a very serious cost upon these institutions, in excess of the very small proceeds from this class of work.

From the several Mints and Assay Offices of the United States for the fiscal year 1884 the total receipts were only $3590. It is my belief that this amount is far short of the amount of chemicals, fuel, and apparatus consumed in such work.

Another object of this Circular is to exclude from the assaying departments of these institutions anything like private professional practice, which I have reason to believe has come to be a settled custom in some of the institutions under the charge of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

Encl Circular

September 8th 1885.

Assaying and chemical analysis of ores, and of furnace by-products, at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States will be discontinued.

The mechanical preparation or pulver-

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izing of ores, or other minerals, mattes and slags, shall be done upon the premises of the Mints and Assay Offices only when a part of the technical processes of these institutions, or when in the course of their regular business.

Assaying or chemical work in a private capacity, at the hands of officers of the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices, shall not be performed upon the premises of these institutions.

Professional cards and certificates of assay or analysis should be without official captions or signatures. No professional signs shall be displayed upon the premises of the Mints and Assay Offices.

The above provisions will also apply to the Laboratory of the Bureau of the Mint.

All provisions in the general "Instructions and Regulations in relation to the business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States," June 25, 1881, inconsistent with this Circular are hereby repealed.

Approved:
Daniel Manning
Secretary.

James P. Kimball
Director

F. A. Lester, Esq.,
1338 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 8th 1885.

Sir:

Enclosed find Department Circular No. 68, of May 21, 1885, in regard to "purchase of mutilated silver coins of the United States," requested in your note of the 7th instant.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director

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Assayer-in-Charge, September 9th 1885.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 8th instant requesting leave of absence for 5 days and designating Mr. R. Herschkel to act as Assayer during your absence, I deem it advisable that you should not be absent from your post of duty during the current month, and action on your application is suspended until after the first proximo.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball,
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 9th 1885
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1885, has been approved for the sum of $2,800.00, payable from the following appropriations for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1886,	$800.—
Wages of Workmen,	1886,	1000.—
Contingent Expenses,	1886,	1000.—

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letter except amts. sent to
Assayer in Charge, St. Louis, Mo.

Requisition approved for $435.40

Salaries,	1886,	$285.40
Wages of Workmen, 1886, Contingent Expenses, 1886,		150.00

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Supt. Mint, September 9th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Information has reached this Bureau that you have officially notified certain persons, whose appointments in the Coiner's Department of your Mint failed to receive my approval, that they have been appointed to certain positions and requesting them to report for duty. Such notification was without authority of law and should not have been made, and you are hereby instructed to inform such persons that their appointments have not been approved. Hereafter you will await the action of this Bureau in all cases of appointments before notifying the persons whose appointments you submitted.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 9th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Letters of advice of shipment of silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
by E.O.L. Director

Similar letter except name of form sent to Supt. Assay Office, New York.
Cashier's Blotter.

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Supt. Mint, September 9th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday you are hereby authorized to purchase two work books for use in the Melter and Refiner's Department.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 9th 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 9th 1885.
Philadelphia:

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. 45000 Ounces, at $1.0415

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia,

September 9th 1885.

Sir:

With reference to yours of the 8th: It does not seem necessary to trace the loss of the musket any further. I merely want, and I now require, a simple schedule of the number of muskets on hand and number lost, without further verbal statements, to submit to the Ordnance Office, by way simply of rendering an account.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 9th 1885

Sir:

With reference to your enclosure of the 8th, please give me the items under "Machinery," page 2. And please inform me if I am right in assuming this item not to include anything on Orr and Ress Machine Company account, as per second paragraph of my letter of the 14th ultimo.

I find that the third paragraph of the same communication anticipates my letter of yesterday on the same subject.

Please send this information as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 9th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of the said Mint with Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 9th /85.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request the return to this Bureau of, Certificates of Deposit No. 89 for $105.37; #90 for $169.45; #91 for $1,051.21; #93 for $320.58, made by Herman Silver, Assayer-in-Charge of the Denver Mint, with the Colorado National Bank, of Denver, on the 31st of July, 1885, forwarded to you on the 11th ultimo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 9th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

A vacancy exists in this Bureau of a clerkship of the 3rd class, occasioned by the removal of Malone Wheless, May 17, 1885.

I have the honor to recommend that

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Mr. Addison A. Hassan be designated for examination for promotion to the vacancy.

Very respectfully,
James P. Kimball
Director.

F. F. Claussen, Esq., September 9th 1885.
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Referring to the questions submitted in your communication of the 5th instant for my decision, I would say in regard to the

1st, That an operative officer has the right to submit the removal of any employe in his department, with the reasons, to the Superintendent. If the Superintendent fails to remove the person, the operative officer has the right to appeal from the Superintendent's decision to the Director.

2nd In case the Superintendent declines to make the removal there is no authority of law for the operative officer to suspend the person, but he should in such case submit the facts to the Director for his action.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Genl. Allen Thomas September 9th 1885
Coiner U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

The matters submitted in your communication of the 6th instant have been carefully considered. No appointments have been approved in the

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Coiner's Department of the New Orleans Mint without your nomination, since August 4th the appointments named in your letter were all approved prior to that date. If there is any serious objection to the employment of any of the persons named in your letter, you will represent the same to the Superintendent and recommend their removal. If he fails to act in the matter, you will then submit it to this Bureau for consideration. Enclosures returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Mrs. Alice Kearney, September 9th 1885.
503 Post Street,
San Francisco.

Madam:

Herewith find application and accompanying recommendations for your appointment to a position in the Mint at San Francisco, filed by you in 1882 and 1883 and now returned in compliance with your request of the 27th of August.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Geo. Howell, Esq., September 9th 1885
Nelson, Douglas Co., Minn.

Sir:

No "catalogue of values of old coins" has been printed by this Bureau; therefore I am unable to comply with your request of the 31st ultimo.

Very respectfully,
Jas P. Kimball, Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 10th 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Complete shipment of coin first. Cost of boxes for silver dollars will be paid from Silver Profit fund. The boxing will be done by your present force. Telegraph standard weight and cost of gold and silver in unparted bars.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram. Assayer in Charge, September 10th/85
Denver, Colo.

Abstract Sheets and Warrants for July belonging to Mr. Silver's accounts not received Forward immediately.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 10th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31st 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letter except name of Y/c &c. sent to

Supt. Mint, San Francisco
Acknowledging receipt of Ord. and Ref. Ex. account.

Assayer in Charge, St. Louis, Mo.
Acknowledging receipt of Ord. Ex. account.

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Supt. Mint, September 10th 1885
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1885, has been approved for the sum of $3,000. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries, 1886, $2000.—
Wages of Workmen, 1886, 1000.—

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to
Supt. Assay Office, New York
Req. approved for $6,000
Salaries 1886, $3,200
Wages of Workmen 1886, 2,000
Contingent Expenses 1886, 800

Assayer in Charge, September 10th 1885
Denver Mint

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1413 dated Sept. 3rd 1885 of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia. Shipment No. 4, dated Aug. 24, 1885, and find the gross value to be $12,443.87, charges $31.72 and net value $12,412.15, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 10th 1885
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Statement No. 43, shipment of bullion from your office to the New York Assay Office on September 3rd. is returned for signature.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 10th 1885
New Orleans

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1885 has been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Supt. Assay Office, September 10th 1885.
New York

Sir:

Requisition has this day been made upon the Printer for blank Assayer's report on Gold Bullion Deposited No. 39 C. and as requested in your letter of the 9th instant., 5000 copies will be mailed you as soon as received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office, September 10th 1885
New York.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7,000.00

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to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 10th/85
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

6 Books Silver Bullion Receipts.
6 Books Silver Melting No. 184.

Very respectfully,
E. O. Leech
for Acting Director

Supt. Mint, September 10th 1885
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of August and forwarded to this Bureau for special Assay have been received, viz:

9 Double Eagles	$180.00
2 Std. Silver Dollars	2.00
1 Dime	10
Total Value	$182.10

In selecting pieces from the deliveries of dimes you will in the future please take out and forward ten pieces instead of one.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 10th 1885.
St. Louis.

Sir:

Your Register of Deposits of Gold Bullion for the 1st. and 2nd. quarters 1885, has not been received, you will please have them forwarded at once.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 10th 1885
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir;

Your letter of the 8th instant enclosing Estimates of Appropriation required for the support of your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1887 has been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 10th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request the return to this Bureau of Certificate of Deposit No. 1133, for $1553.64 made by Herman Silver, Assayer in Charge of the Denver Mint, with the Colorado National Bank of Denver, on the 30th of January, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 10th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada of the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,100,000) in silver dollars to the Treasury of the U. S. the transportation charges on the same to be paid from the silver profit fund.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 10th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-three $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars, ($12,283.00) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars, ($129.15) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($12,412.15) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 1413 dated September 3, 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Make your boxes to hold Four Thousand Dollars.

Pay no charges for transportation except by direction of this bureau. Department has special contract rates.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Until further notice, silver parted from gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of ninety two cents per ounce standard.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram	Supt. Mint,	New Orleans.
"	" "	San Francisco
"	Assayer in Charge,	Boise City, Idaho.
"	" " "	Charlotte, N.C.
"	" " "	Denver, Colo.
"	" " "	Helena, Mont.
"	" " "	St. Louis, Mo.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 11th/85.
Denver, Colo.

Abstract sheets for July not received.

Forward duplicates as soon as they can be prepared.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885.
New Orleans.
Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One Hundred three and one fourth cents per ounce fine.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.
Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Supt. Mint Philadelphia.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co. September 11th 1885.
51, Wall St. N. Y.
Your offers accepted for New Orleans.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram James B. Colgate & Co. September 11th 1885.
47 Wall St. N. Y.
Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred three and three quarters cents per ounce fine. Offer good for today only.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.
Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Fourth National Bank, New York.
" Handy and Cronise, 24 Nassau Street, " "
" J. & W. Seligman & Co. " "
" Zimmerman & Forshay, 19, Wall Street, " "

Assayer in Charge, September 11th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.
Sir:
Referring to a letter from this Bureau of same date, approving your requisition for $900.- for the support of your institution during the month of September, I would state that it is desirable

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in drawing requisitions in the future, except for the end of fiscal year, that they be made in round sums, that is dollars only.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 11th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

In restating your bullion accounts for the period ended May 15th, I gave you credit for four Certificates of Deposit, No. 875 for $33.00 No. 876 for $60.31, No. 933 for $96.09 and No. 1270 for $29.53. I find that credit had been previously given you in your accounts for these Certificates. This will increase the balance with which you were charged as Assayer to $14,995.54; deducting the amount delivered to Mr. Braden, $2,442.34, leaves the amount of your deficiency $12,553.20

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 11th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September, 1885, has been approved for the sum of $900. payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your institution during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1886,	$244.60
Wages of Workmen,	1886,	$335.00
Contingent Expenses,	1886,	$320.40

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 11th 1885.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense and Statistical Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the two months ending Aug. 31, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Carson

September 11th 1885.

Sir:

Statements of Refinery Operations at your Mint during the months of July and August 1885, are returned with the request that they be prepared in the new blank (#95) forwarded to your institution on the tenth of April last.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 11th 1885.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted for your information and guidance printed copy of Department Circular No. 134, September 8, 1885, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, amending the Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States of June 25, 1881, by revoking all inconsistent provisions relating to assays and analyses of ores, which will be discontinued

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and providing that assaying and other chemical work in a private professional capacity, &c., shall not be performed at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, nor at the Laboratory of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint,	New Orleans
" "	Philadelphia.
" Assay Office,	San Francisco. New York.
Assayer in Charge,	Boise City, Id.
" " "	Charlotte, N. C.
" " "	Denver, Colo.
" " "	Helena, Mont
" " "	St. Louis, Mo.

Assayer in Charge,
Helena, Mont.

September 11th, 1885.

Sir:

C. D. No. 80 for $536.10, being on account of Sweeps for fiscal year 1885 inclosed in your communication of the 24th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction as indicated in pencil, your quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended March 31, 1885.

Please return the enclosed with corrected one.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 11th/85
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Clark, Dodge & Co., 50,000 Ounces, at $ 1.0376
" " " " " " 1.0375
" " " " " " 1.0374

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Similar letter except names, amts. &c. sent to Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. Purchased of

Handy & Cronise 150,000 Ounces, at $ 1.0375
Jas. B. Colgate & Co. 20,000 " " 1.0375
J. & W. Seligman & Co. 30,000 " " 1.0375
Fourth National Bank, 50,000 " " 1.0375

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Supt. Assay Office, September 11th 1885.
New York

Sir:

The designation of Mr. J. W. Sylvester to act as Assayer of your Office on the 12th and 14th instant, and of Mr. J. F. Wilder to act after that time during the absence of the Assayer, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office, September 11th/85.
New York.

Sir:

Until further notice, silver parted from gold deposits, will be paid for at the rate of 92¢ per ounce standard.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. Mint Philadelphia

Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith for the endorsement of Mr. Snowden, Gold Mint Receipt No. 542.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 11th 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith a letter of the Melter & Refiner

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of your Mint; forwarded to this Bureau without any letter from you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 11th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. S. in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-three and 17/100 Dollars ($230,823.17) the same being net balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, and that the bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 11th 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Certificates of Deposit Nos. 91 for $951.21 and 92 for $320.58 made by Herman Silver, the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint, on the 31st ultimo, with the Colorado National Bank at Denver, were erroneously deposited, and I respectfully request that they be cancelled and that of the amount embraced in these two certificates, the sum of $1,297.84 be deposited in the name of Herman Silver to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States

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in his general account as a transfer from the bullion fund of the mint at Denver, and that the balance $75.95 be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. in the name of Herman Silver as miscellaneous profits of the mint at Denver.

I enclose herewith the duplicate certificates.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Geo. E. Seney, September 11th 1885.
Tiffin, Ohio.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 7th inst., requesting to be informed what proportion of the trade dollar coinage was executed from bullion belonging to the Government and what proportion from that deposited by depositors for trade dollars, I would reply that upon the passage of the act of February 12, 1873, authorizing the coinage of trade dollars, a portion of the stock of silver bullion at the Mints was coined into trade dollars for the purpose, as provided in Section 3545 of the Revised Statutes, of convenience in paying depositors as soon as their bullion was assayed. The bullion deposited then became the property of the Government and took the place of that originally used and from time to time was coined into trade dollars in order to keep a stock on hand to meet the requirements of depositors. I would state that no particular deposits of silver were used for that purpose, but a portion of the general stock of silver bullion at the Mints was coined into trade dollars

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from time to time and replaced by that deposited by depositors. As a matter of fact it might properly be said that all the trade dollars were coined from bullion deposited by depositors for that purpose.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

John C. Trautwine, Jr., Esq. September 11th 1885.
Tamworth Iron Works, N. H.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 9th inst., requesting to be informed whether there is any document in addition to the circular published by this Department defining the value of foreign coins, covering a larger number of coins, I would state that in the "Notes et Tableaux, Pour Servir a L'étude de la Question Monétaire," by H. Costes, published in Paris in 1884, there are some tables showing the weight and fineness of most of the coins of the world, the values are not given, but the value of the gold coins, of course, is readily ascertainable. There is also a monthly publication called "Contanseau's Monthly Bulletin," published in New York City, No. 128 Broadway, which contains the value of the principal foreign coins. Also "Dye's Government Counterfeit Detector," No. 1338 Chestnut Street Philadelphia.

I am having prepared in this Office a table showing the weight and fineness of all the coins in circulation in the world as to which I can obtain official information. This table is not in shape to furnish copies, but if it should be printed at any time, I will

take pleasure in sending you a copy.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 12th 1885.

Make coin boxes same size as heretofore.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 12th 1885.

Sir:

The following coin reserved at your Mint during the month of August and forwarded to this office for special Assay has been received, viz:

1 Std. Silver Dollar $1.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge,
Denver Colo.

September 12th 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant to the Treasurer of the U. S. reporting a discrepancy of 26¢ in net value of silver bullion on transfer order No. 1278 and memorandum #1348 furnished by the mint at Philadelphia, has been referred to this Bureau.

The memorandum shows that the gross value of the gold was $19,481.95 deducting charges $48.19 makes the net value of the gold $19,433.76 or 26¢ more than was called for in gold by the transfer order, and as this fraction could not be transferred in gold coin it was added to the silver and increased

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the amount of such coin to be transferred from $350.70 to $350.96.

If you will examine the memorandums you will find that there is no discrepancy between the aggregate amount of the mint memorandum and transfer order.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 12th 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter and fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, enclosed in your letters of the 5th instant have been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 12th 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31st 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 12th 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith an additional table

of distances to enable you to make payment for shipment of standard silver dollars to points named therein.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Late Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 12th 1885

Sir:

Referring to the Abstract Sheets of your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1885, I will thank you to explain the charges imposed on the following deposit.

Gold deposit No. 979, made June 17, by H. B. Arrison – the rate imposed is 3¢; should be 2½¢.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 12th 1885

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant in reference to duck cloth for coin bags has been received. Inasmuch as the 7oz. duck now furnished by John Wanamaker upon the proposal submitted and accepted, is not suitable, you are authorized to invite proposals for the desired quality by circular letters addressed to dealers in the article.

The blank form of contract enclosed in your letter is satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 12th 1885.

Sir:

The following instructions will be observed in the preparation of your bullion accounts from and after the 1st of July, 1885.

In "Deposit and Purchase account" the debit entries will show separately the payments in gold coin in one entry, the payments in silver coin in one entry, payment in gold bars in one entry, payments in silver bars in one entry, parting and refining charges, profit and loss charges, and the unpaid deposits of the quarter in one entry.

"The Silver Bullion purchased for subsidiary coin" and "Uncurrent silver coin for recoinage" will be rendered in one account.

The "Unpaid deposits and purchases of bullion will be rendered in one account.

The "Gold assay coin" accounts will be rendered in one account and the "Silver assay coin" accounts in one account.

In depositing your charges and profits in the Treasury, the entry will be made in one coin account and also bars exchanged for coin and the necessary adjustment entry between the coin accounts will be made at the close of the quarter.

Nothing will be carried to the credit of silver profit fund except the profits.

When transfers are made from the appropriation to pay for silver wastage or loss on sale of sweeps, the entire amount so advanced will be carried to the credit of "Profit and Loss," and no portion to the credit of the Silver profit fund.

Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 12th 1885.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant you are informed that it will not be necessary to declare the gain or loss as shown each quarter.

The circular letter of the 15th instant only contemplates the crediting of such profits as actually exist and the purpose of that letter was to have the "Profit and Loss" account closed out each quarter by depositing the earnings in the Treasury in the quarter's account in which they accrued. Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston
Acting Director

H. Buckhout, Esq. September 12th 1885.
Cashier Fourth National Bank. N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant to the Treasurer of the United States, confirming your acceptance of the offer of the Department to purchase fifty thousand ounces of silver from you at $1.03¾ per ounce fine, has been received and referred to this Office, and in reply I have to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia was yesterday instructed to receive from you fifty thousand ounces of fine silver, at $1.03¾ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 14th 1885.
Philadelphia.

The Director will be at your Mint to-morrow.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed. Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 14th 1885.
Philadelphia.

You are authorized to appoint substitutes to supply the places of the men discharged on the twelfth instant until the places are filled by regular appointments.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed. Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 14th 1885.
San Francisco.

Standard dollars to be shipped to Washington must be boxed and sealed.

Make boxes to hold two or four thousand dollars as may be deemed best.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 14th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

50 Officer's and Clerk's pay rolls, No. 47.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except name of form sent to Supt. Mint, Phila^da. 2 Melter^rs and Refiner's Work Books, No. 182.

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Assayer in Charge, September 14th 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending August 31st 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint, New Orleans

Supt. Mint, September 14th 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Statement of the Sale of Old Material at your Mint, during the quarter ended June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except name of ✓ sent to

Assayer in Charge, Helena, Mont.

Acknowledging receipt of corrected bullion accounts.

Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Acknowledging receipt of corrected statement of Wastages and Loss on Sale of Sweeps during fiscal year ended June 30, 1885.

Assayer in Charge, September 14th/85.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant asking to be furnished with 500 "Ordinary Expense Warrants", I have to say that the same are no longer regarded as necessary and their use is discontinued at the

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other Mints and Assay Offices as their supplies become exhausted.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 14th 1885
Denver Colo.

Sir:

Herewith please find shipment statement No. 6 of bullion to the Mint at Philadelphia, returned for your signature.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 14th 1885.
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Colorado National and First National Banks at Denver.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 14th 1885.
Denver Colo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. stating that several of the depositors at your mint residing at distance, make their shipments in pouches of buckskin &c. and complaining that you do not

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return them the empty pouches, I will state that you can return these pouches to the parties from whom the bullion is received, in the penalty envelopes which are furnished you by the department.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office, September 14, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your office during the month of March, 1885, form 61, your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that you have entered under unrefined stamped bars deposits made by the Caledonia Gold Mining Co., the Chicago Smelting and Refining Co., the St. Louis Smelting and Refining Co. and the Kansas City Smelting and Refining Co. I will thank you to inform me whether the three refineries mentioned are in the habit of depositing unrefined bars at your institution. If so, it will be necessary for you to obtain from the agent making the deposits, the name of the state or territory from which the bullion is produced, also. I was not aware that these refineries shipped unrefined bullion, but if such is the case in order to divide the months production deposited at the mints and assay offices among the states and territories producing the same, it will be necessary for them to furnish the sources of production. I will thank you to inform me where the bullion embraced on this statement as unrefined bars from these refineries was produced, also that deposited by the Caledonia Gold

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Mining Company.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 14th, 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your monthly statements of deposits and purchases arranged by classifications of re-deposited gold of domestic production, United States coin, &c., you are hereby instructed to enter as unparted mint bars, the re-deposits of the Denver Mint and the U. S. Assay Offices, not including, of course, any deposits of the New York Assay Office bars, which, if fine, would be included under fine bars

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 14th, 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to statement of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your Mint during the month of April, 1885, I will thank you to explain the source of production of the bars marked "Sonora" and the mine immediately underneath, the name of which cannot be made out.

Hereafter in preparing these statements you will please enter opposite each State or Territory the amount of gold or silver deposited by refineries where the source of production

cannot be given, and a memorandum made at the bottom showing the amount deposited by each refinery.

I enclose herewith statement, with the request that it be returned to this Bureau as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 14, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to the statement of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your mint during the month of May, 1885, I find under head of locality "New York" opposite the deposit of 21,923.30 gold and 1.960.31 silver, You will please inform me if this bullion was produced in the state of New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Late Supt. Mint, September 14, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, I find that a portion of the uncurrent silver coin transferred by the Treasurer for re-coinage has been coined into standard dollars and entered in the Silver Coinage Account as "subsidiary silver". Will you please inform me whether you were instructed to recoin any of the coin transferred by the Treasurer into silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston Acting Director.

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Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

September 14, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to Form No. 61, Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited at your institution, I will thank you hereafter to enter opposite the name of each State or Territory the amount of Gold or Silver deposited from the mines of that State or Territory, and under "Refined Gold or Silver" the total amount deposited by refineries, the primary source of production of which is not known. You will in the foot-note state the refineries depositing the same and also in an additional foot note the information in regard to the amount deposited by individual mines and smelting works, heretofore embraced in the body of your statement.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

Hon. Daniel Manning,
Secretary of the Treasury.

September 14, 1885.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, be increased One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Colorado National Bank and First National Banks at Denver Colorado.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. September 14, 1885.
Bankers, New York.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 9th. instant, I have to inform you that the report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the last calendar year has not been received from the Printer. As soon as it is received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except date sent to
F. C. Minshull, Esq., Tucson, Pima Co. Arizona.
Referring to communication of 4th. instant.
A. McC. Parker, Esq., Mining Engineer, Tilly Foster, N.Y.
S. H. Simonson, Esq., Copenhagen, Denmark.
Referring to communication of 30th. ultimo.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. September 14, 1885.
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 12th. instant confirming your sale of 30,000 oz of fine silver at 103 3/4 ¢ is received.

In reply to your inquiry you are informed that while it is desirable that the silver purchased should be delivered within 10 days from the date of purchase, still when parties are unable to complete their deliveries within the 10 days, upon their stating their reasons to this bureau for the inability to deliver within the time, it is customary to grant an extension of a few days.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
Carson.

Charges for transportation of bullion will be paid here. Make no shipments of bullion until further advised.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
Carson.

Boxes containing silver dollars should be addressed "Treasurer United States, Washington, D.C., Halstead being the point at which Wells, Fargo and Company transfer to Adams Express Company.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. September 15, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred three and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Telegram. Handy and Cronise, 24 Nassau Street, New York.

Telegram. Clark, Dodge & Co. September 15, 1885.
57 Wall Street, New York.

Your offers accepted for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

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Telegram. Jas. B. Colgate & Co. September 15, 1885.
47 Wall Street, N. Y.
Your offers received too late for consideration.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.
Similar telegram sent to
Telegram. Zimmerman & Forshay, 19 Wall Street, New York.

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, September 15, 1885.
New York.
Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred three and one half cents accepted. Will accept balance at one hundred three and four tenths cents per ounce fine.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 15, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, explaining the error in calculating the value of silver at your institution, I would say that the rate for paying for silver contained in gold deposits would have no possible reference to the abolition of a regulation which is printed at the head of the abstract sheets and which is as ancient as the Mints themselves. The theory upon which the 1/99 of the standard weight of gold is deducted from the silver is that there is always a small portion of silver which cannot be extracted in parting the metal, and how you could have imagined that a change in the rate of paying for silver partings could have intended to change the regulations as to this deduction I cannot imagine. At any rate you will charge yourself with the amount overpaid as a disallowance

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in your accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

William Garrard, September 15, 1885.
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd. instant in relation to the proper charge per word, in excess of twenty, of messages between Carson and Washington, I would state that Circular in relation to telegraph rates for the current year, dated July 10th. 1885 fixes the rate at 1¢ and 1/10 additional for each 100 miles, or fraction, of distance above 1000 miles, and up to 2500, which is the maximum.

Please find circular enclosed.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
Carson

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 11th. instant, giving the amount of gold and silver on hand and coining value and cost of the same, I have to request that, in order that there may be no error in the order directing the transfer from your Mint to the New York Assay Office and the Mint at Philadelphia; you will state by letter the amount of parted gold in standard ounces and its coining value and the amount of parted silver and its cost, which will be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia. You will also please give, in standard ounces and its

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cost, which will be transferred to the New York Assay Office for separation.

No shipments, however, will be made until the express company presents a Transfer Order.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 15, 1885.
Charlotte N. C.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1435 dated Sept. 7th, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 24, dated Sept. 4, 1885, and find the gross value to be $6,555.09, charges $16.47, and net value $6,538.62, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your office to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except dates, amts. &c. sent to

~~Assayer in Charge Denver, Colo.~~
~~Deposit Mem. No. 1435 dated Sept. 7th. 1885 of gold bullion ford. to Mint at Phila.da, Shipment No. 24, dated Sept. 4, 1885; gross value $6,555.09, charges $16.47, net value $6,538.62~~

Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named

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which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in Silver Dollars, to wit: of-

Clarke, Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at $1.0335
Clark, Dodge & Co	50,000 Ounces, at $1.0336
Clark, Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at $1.0337

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except names & amts. sent to Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Purchased of Fourth National Bank, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0350

Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th instant in relation to the appointment of Richard A. Finn. I have to say that the changes requested have been made on the Official Register of this Bureau and he now stands recorded thereon as a melter, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 15, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 9th. instant in reference to additional storage for silver dollars, I have to state that it is expected that the vaults in the new Post Office building will be ready about the 1st. proximo. Should they not be ready, however, other arrangements will be made to

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temporarily relieve the vaults of your mint from the accumulation of standard silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia

September 15, 1885.

Sir:

This Bureau has not received your Memorandum of the value of bullion shipment No. 23 from the Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. to your Mint on the 31st. ultimo.

Please forward it as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
San Francisco.

September 15, 1885.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th. instant transmitting statement of Account with the appropriation for Parting and Refining bullion for the year ended July 31, 1885 and requesting to have the same verified by the books of this Bureau, I have to say that I have caused the statement to be examined and the entries are found to be correct. As the account of this office with this appropriation is not kept by institutions it is impracticable to check from opening balance. I return statement herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 15, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York of the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-four 32/100 Dollars ($237,664.32) in gold coin, and Twenty-one Hundred and Seventeen 27/100 Dollars ($2,117.27) in silver coin, making a total of Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one 59/100 Dollars ($239,781.59), being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana, as shown by Memoranda No. 3044 A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. and 3099 A. B. C. D. E. dated September 2nd. and 4th. 1885, of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to
Hon. Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury.
Requesting transfer from Charlotte to Philadelphia of ($6,504.50) in Gold, ($34.12) in Silver Coin, making a total of ($6,538.62) being net value of bullion forwarded by Assayer in Charge at Charlotte, Mem. No. 1435 dated Sept. 7, 1885.

O. D. Baldwin, Esq. September 15, 1885.
Presdt. 4th National Bank, N. Y.

Sir:

The offer of 103 7/10 for fifty thousand ounces was good for to-day only. Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to Handy & Cronise, 24 Nassau St. N. Y.

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W. P. Blake, Esq.,
New Haven, Conn.

September 15, 1885.

Sir:

I send you herewith a paged proof of your article, which will appear in the Director's report on the production of gold and silver in the United States.

In order that there may be no further delay in the publication of the report I have revised the proof and sent it back to the printer, and I send this for your information. If there should be any serious error you may telegraph the correction; but no change will be made which was not indicated in the original manuscript, and which is not of considerable importance.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Geo. W. Bloss, Esq.,
Rankin, Genesee Co.,
Michigan.

September 15, 1885.

Sir:

As requested in your communication of the 4th. instant I forward to your address by mail to-day, copies of the Annual Report of this Bureau for the years 1881, '82, '83 and 84.

The report for 1885 has not been printed, but your name will be placed on the list, so that a copy will be sent you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Geo. S. Hilton, Esq. September 15, 1885.
Patterson, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 9th. instant I have to inform you that the report on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the last calendar year has not been received from the Printer. As soon as it is received, a copy will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 16, 1885.
Helena Mont

Fifty Thousand Dollars will be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer at New York, to-day.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Similar telegram except amt. sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 16, 1885.
New Orleans

Sir:

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One Hundred Two and eight-tenths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint, Philadelphia

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 16, 1885.
New Orleans.

Were crucibles ordered from Taylor direct or through Philadelphia Mint. Answer. Forward by mail copies Melter and Refiners requisitions and Superintendent's orders and of Taylors account.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. September 16, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Ship to Philadelphia.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram John W. Glenn, September 16, 1885.
Director General,
New Orleans, La.

Bureau will not continue exhibit at Exposition and it is not desirable to suspend removal of machinery to Mint.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Supt. Mint, September 16, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

I have to ackowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant transmitting your estimates of appropriations necessary for the support of the U. S. Mint at Carson, during the fiscal year, 1887.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge. September 16, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of September 1885, has been approved for the sum of $2300.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1885,	$ 800
Wages of Workmen,	1885,	1000
Contingent Expenses,	1885	500

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 16, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1437 dated Sept. 8th. 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 5, dated Sept. 1st. 1885, and find the gross value to be $15,505.27, charges $37.97, and net value $15,467.30, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to

Assayer in Charge, Denver Colo.
Deposit Mem. No. 1458 dated Sept. 12, 1885. Gross value $26,185.55, charges $63.37, net value $26,122.18

Sept. 15th. Assayer in Charge, Helena, Mont. Deposit Mem. Nos.

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3044 A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. and 3099 A. B. C. D. E. dated Sept. 2nd. & 4th. '85, Shipments No. 13, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, dated Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1885 gross value $240,380.89, charges $599.30 and net value $239,781.59, transfer of which requested to New York.

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

September 16, 1885

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th. instant in relation to the account of John A. Taylor of Philadelphia for crucibles furnished your Mint during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1885, amounting to $3,605.—, you will please obtain from the Melter and Refiner a statement of his reasons for ordering so many crucibles in excess for the requirements during the past year.

From your letter it appears that the cost of the number used last year was $1533.— and for the number on hand July 1st. and being used during the present year $2072.—

Please furnish the date or dates the crucibles were ordered by your predecessor as well as a copy of the requisition of the Melter and Refiner for the same.

In ordering supplies care should be exercised to limit the quantity as near as practicable to what will be required during the year and not to have a large surplus on hand to carry over to be used the next year.

Very respectfully
Jas P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 16, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your statement of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your office during the month of February 1885, you will please give the source of production of the gold and silver deposited by the Chicago Smelting and Refining Co. and by the St. Louis Smelting and Refining Co. entered on the statement referred to as "unrefined bars."

An early reply is desired.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball

Supt. Assay Office, September 16, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to form No. 61, statement of deposits of domestic bullion, I would say that it is important that the state or territory producing the bullion deposited at your office, should be credited with the same on this statement and in the case of all unrefined bullion or unparted bullion it should not be difficult to obtain the information as to the state or territory from which it was produced.

The supposition was that the refineries mentioned in the letter from this bureau of the 14th. instant, did not make unstamped bars but only refined bars. When bullion is deposited at your institution in the shape of unparted bars bearing the stamp of well known refineries, you will require the depositor to state the state or territory from which the same was produced.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

September 16, 1885.

Sir:

It is considered important that the quarterly bullion accounts of your institution should be changed so as to show more explicitly the payment of the quarter.

You are hereby instructed to render as a part of your quarterly bullion accounts a "Deposit Account" which will be the first account of the series, and will show in a concise form the transactions with the depositors of the quarter.

This account will be credited with the standard weight and value of the gold deposited and parted, with the standard weight and value of the silver deposited for bars and the standard weight and cost of the silver parted. The bullion received during the quarter will be carried from this account to your gold and silver bullion account.

It will be debited with the payments to depositors of the quarter in each kind of bullion and coin with the amount collected as charges for parting and refining and the amount collected as charges other than parting and refining and with the amount due depositors of the quarter. The corresponding entries will be made direct from the deposit account to the other accounts.

You will please render this account from the 1st. of July.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 16, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of:

Handy and Cronise 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0340
Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. 45,000 Ounces, at $1.0340

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 16, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) by a transfer of that amount, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 16, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint

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at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-six Dollars, ($15,276) in Gold Coin and One Hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars ($191.30) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars, ($15,467.30) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., as shown by Memorandum No. 1437 dated September 8th. 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to Hon. Daniel Manning, Secretary of the Treasury. Requesting from Denver to Phila. of ($25,837.50) in Gold Coin, ($284.68) in Silver Coin, Total ($26,122.18) Mem. No. 1458 dated Sept. 12, 1885.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 16, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the question submitted for your decision in my letter of the 27th. ultimo, as to the continued use of the appropriation contained in the act authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, approved February 28, 1878, at the Mints of the United States, for expenses incurred in connection with the coinage of silver dollars, I enclose herewith a statement showing the appropriations made by Congress of Wages of workmen and contingent expenses of the Mints of the United States prior and subsequent to the passage of the act named. It is apparent from the fact shown by this statement that the appropriations were not

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increased after the passage of the act, that it was contemplated to use the indefinite appropriation contained in the Bland bill.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Appropriations for the Mints prior and subsequent to the passage of the Act of Feby. 28, 1878.

	Philadelphia		San Francisco		Carson	
Date	Wages	Contingent	Wages	Contingent	Wages	Contingent
1878	$285,000	$72,500	$275,000	$87,500	$80,000	$42,500
1879	285,000	72,500	275,000	87,500	80,000	42,500
1880	285,000	72,500	275,000	87,500	80,000	42,500
1881	295,000	82,500	265,000	80,000	72,000	30,000
1882	300,000	100,000	260,000	70,000	65,000	30,000
1883	293,000	100,000	242,000	70,000	54,000	25,000
1884	293,000	100,000	242,000	70,000	54,000	25,000
1885	293,000	100,000	242,000	70,000	54,000	25,000
1886	293,000	100,000	235,000	50,000	60,000	25,000

E. M. Bliss, Esq. September 16, 1885

17 Adams Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

With the object in view of looking into the efficiency and value of the coining presses in use in the Mints of the United States I called upon you last Friday, meeting your Mr. Hart and Mr. Leavitt. I then suggested, as preliminary to any further action, that your Mr. Leavitt visit the Philadelphia Mint, in order to observe the requirements of the business.

As this suggestion seemed to meet with the views of the gentleman referred to, I have to say that Mr. Leavitt will be extended every facility that he may desire at Philadelphia

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for the inspection of the machinery, and for making whatever measurements or drawings may suit the purposes of his inquiry.

While no immediate necessity exists for coining machinery, it is desirable for the Bureau to become informed upon the improvements and advancement in this class of machines. Henceforth by advertising for bids, and as you are one of the few makers in this line of business, it will probably be your desire to become informed upon its requirements

It was my suggestion, in case any drawings be made at your instance, that this Bureau should be furnished with a tracing.

I would like, as a matter of satisfaction to this Bureau, to have your bid for a duplicate of the so-called Ajax Coining Press now in that Mint - the largest and newest coining press to be found there - made out in two ways, one with a high degree of polish of housings, bed plate, &c., and the other with no higher degree of finish than is compatible with a good appearance. If in comparison with this machine you are able to give us a design for a better we should like your bid for the same together with drawings of it. This last request is more by way of information to this Bureau than in the way of immediate business.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Mr. Leavitt can proceed to Philadelphia at any time.

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R. V. Brokaw, Esq., September 16, 1885.
Jetmore, Kansas.

Sir.

No "royalty" has been offerred by the Government for the return of five cent nickel pieces struck in 1883, upon which the word "cents" was not inscribed in the operation of coinage.

The above is in reply to your inquiry of the 9th. instant, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Timothy Conkling, Esq. September 16, 1885.
611 East 135th. St., N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th. instant requesting to be informed whether there is any way by which the excess of charges which you claim were imposed upon the deposit made by you at the Philadelphia mint, can be refunded, I would say that it is not apparent from the Superintendent's letter to you, herewith returned, that any excess has been charged and until I am so informed by the Superintendent, I do not feel called upon to advise you as to any refund.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Louis J. Matas, Esq. September 16, 1885.
3943 Fairmount Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 10th. instant requesting copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint upon the Production of the precious metal in the United States for the year 1884, I would say that the Reports have not been received from the printer as yet. As soon as they are received, a copy will be sent you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq., September 16, 1885.
4 Trafalgar Square,
London.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to discontinue all publications subscribed for by you in the name of this Bureau, at the expiration of the subscriptions, transmitting your account, in duplicate, for settlement.

Please also obtain, and send a bill for, the London Economist of May 24, 1884, and the L'Economiste of November 15, 1884, and January 31, 1885, to supply the places of numbers missing from the files of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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P. V. R. Van Wyck, Esq., September 16, 1885.
Chief Clerk, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your letter and telegram of yesterday requesting a hearing before action is taken upon the appointment submitted for approval by the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of ~~Mr.~~ Mr. T. O. Conant as Chief Clerk, I would reply that as Section 3502 of the Revised Statutes authorizes the Chief Clerk to act as Superintendent in the absence of that officer, and the preceding section states that the bonds of assistants and clerks shall not be construed to relieve the Superintendent from liability of any acts or negligences of such persons, I should not feel justified in disapproving the selection of any competent person whom the Superintendent might appoint as his Chief Clerk, consequently there can be no advantage in delaying action in this case.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Geo. W. White, Esq., September 16, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your letter and that of your Attorney of the 5th. instant, in relation to your removal as Assistant Melter in the Helena Assay Office, I would state that my action in approving same was based on a letter of the Melter of that Office, of August 19th., stating that he would not be responsible for your acts after that date owing to certain facts which had come to his knowledge. As operative officers are held responsible under their official bonds for the

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acts of their subordinates, the Assayer in Charge had no recourse but to recommend your removal.

In the matter of compensation during the remainder of the month, after removal, I have to say that the custom of which you write is unknown to me, but even if it were the general practice I could not, under the circumstances, approve of extra pay in a case of this kind.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
Carson

Until further notice silver contained in gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of ninety cents per standard ounce.

Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint, New Orleans.
" " " San Francisco
" Assayer in Charge, Boise City, I. T.
" " " " Helena, Mont.
" " " " Denver, Colo.
" " " " Charlotte, N. C.
" " " " St. Louis, Mo.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Assay Office New York
" Mint, Philadelphia

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
New Orleans

Reduce purchasing rate of silver to One Hundred and Two
Conf'd cents per ounce fine. Jas. P. Kimball, Director.
Telegram Similar telegram sent to Supt. Mint, Philadelphia

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First Auditor, September 17, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ended June 30, 1885 rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 17, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I send you by mail to-day a supply of deposit sheets of gold bullion, containing a column for transportation charges. These sheets will be used in place of those at present in use at your institution commencing with the first of the present fiscal year. If you have entered the deposits since 1st. July on other sheets, you will transcribe them on the form sent you to-day.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to

Assayer in Charge,	Charlotte, N.C.
" " "	Denver, Colo.
" " "	Helena, Mont.
" " "	St. Louis, Mo.

Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 10th. instant

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enclosing a corrected gold coin account accompanying the bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30th. 1885 has been received and the inclosure placed with your accounts

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 17, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1412 dated Sept. 3, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 23, dated Aug. 31, 1885, and find the gross value to be $6095.46, charges $14.99 and net value $6,080.47, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c sent to
Assayer in Charge, Charlotte, N.C.
Mem. No. 1468 dated Sept. 14; shipment No. 25, dated Sept. 12.
Gross value $4,028.09, the charges $10.40 net value $4017.69

Assayer in Charge, September 17, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

The statement of bullion shipments from your institution to the Assay Office at New York during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885 with the gain and loss on each shipment has been received and will be examined in this Bureau.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 17, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th. inst. in relation to disallowances in the pay of Walter Scott, day watchman of your office in your accounts for February, March, April and May 1885, I have to say that I have withdrawn my recommendations and requested the accounting officers to allow the payments made to him.

In consideration of the contract with Walter Scott as represented in the letter referred to above, his pay is hereby approved at $3.25 per diem from the first of July last.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th. inst. relative to a correct statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of your Mint for the quarter ending March 31st. 1885, I would state for your information that the bills paid at the Department are not included on that statement, as your mint has been previously informed. On the statement for the fiscal year, the bills paid at the Department from your appropriation, are taken up as separate entries. You will please forward the correct statement as directed at once.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the accounts for dies forwarded to the Mints at San Francisco and New Orleans, transmitted in your letters of the 1st. and 5th. instants with the request that you will render the accounts so as to show the amounts expended for labor and materials respectively, in order that the appropriations for wages of workmen and contingent expenses, may be properly re-imbursed from like appropriations for the New Orleans and San Francisco Mints.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The bullion accounts of your predecessor for the quarter ending June 30th. 1885 show a balance on the profit and loss account at that date, of $1,060.26 Please inform me whether this amount has been deposited in the Treasury. If not, it should be.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Late Supt. Mint, September 17, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 17, 1885.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your communication of the 14th instant has been received.

No change has been made in regard to the assaying of small pieces of jewelry, &c., but at present, and until further orders, it is left within the discretion of the Assayer.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 17, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Six Thousand and Fifty-one Dollars, ($6051.00) in gold coin, and Twenty-nine 47/100 Dollars in silver coin, ($29.47) making a total of Six Thousand and Eighty 47/100 Dollars ($6,080.47), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 1412 dated Sept. 3, 1885, of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to Assayer in Charge, Charlotte. Requesting transfer of ($3,992.50) in Gold Coin, ($25.19) in Silver Coin, Total ($4017.69), Mem. No. 1468, dated Sept. 14th. 1885.

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Henry C. Baird, September 17, 1885.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of 12 inst. requesting to be informed of the composition of the gold and silver reserves of the Banks of Germany and Belgium, I have to reply that, according to the London Economist the Coin reserve of the Bank of Germany on 22nd. August, 1885, was £29,818,000. The division of this is not given, but it consisted undoubtedly principally of gold. According to the last reports, published in the report of the Director of the Mint for 1884, the reserve in the Bank of Germany was $153,146,674 all of which was in gold; so that there has been no material change. The Minister of Finance of Germany reports under date of April 23, 1885 that the balance in the Imperial Bank and other German note banks in current German money or in gold bars or in coin at the end of December 1884 was 602,069,000 marks. The value of the German mark being 23.8 cents, the value would amount in United States money to about $148,234,097.

In regard to the Bank of Belgium, the coin reserve on the 20th. August 1885, as published in the London Economist was £3,703,000. I am not able to state the composition of the coin reserve.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Prof. W. P. Blake, September 17, 1885.
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Yours of the 16th. relative to the illustrations

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in your article to be printed in the report of the Director of the Mint on the Production of Gold and Silver in the United States for the calendar year 1884 has been received; and the correction suggested will be made.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Henry Chevassus, Esq. September 17, 1885.
England.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the — inst., I will state that the report of the Director of the Mint on Production for 1884 has not been received from the printer. As soon as it is received, a copy will be gladly forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except date sent to

Henry Ingham, Esq. Cleveland Ohio.
Communication 15th inst.

Geo. Monroe, Esq. Lead City, Dakota
Communication 8th. inst.

Wm Steel, Esq. San Francisco, Cal.
Communication 8th. inst.

Henry Richard Linderman, Esq. September 17, 1885.
Wilkes Barre, Penn.

Sir:

The following reports and pamphlets have been sent you this day, as requested in your letter of the 8th. instant:

Letter of H. R. Linderman to Hon. Samuel

Hooper, March 31, 1870.

The Free Coinage of Gold &c. February 22, 1872.

Necessity for the Repeal of Coinage, Charge, &c.

The New York Journal of Commerce vs. The Mint Bill, May 20, 1872.

Report upon the Wastage of Silver Bullion, &c., July 25, 1872.

Report of the Examination of the Branch Mints at San Francisco and Carson City, November 19, 1872.

Letter from the Director of the Mint to Hon. A. A. Sargent, May 7, 1884 (Senate Misc. Doc. 109)

Annual Report of Director of the Mint for fiscal year 1875.

Senate Report No. 39, February 1, 1876, on the "Common Unit of Money".

Report of the Commission on the Mint at San Francisco, October 1, 1877.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director.

Dear Mr. Linderman:

A search for the papers desired has yielded only as above. It is a pleasure to me to aid you in honoring your father's memory. Any omission may be eventually supplied. Thanking you for your gracious messages, I am yours truly

Jas P. Kimball.

Hon. George E. Seney, September 17, 1885.

Tiffin, Ohio.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th. inst., relative to the stock of silver used in the coinage of trade dollars, I would say that it is not possible to state the exact kind of silver used in that coinage for the reason that silver belonging to depositors and to the Government is not kept separate at the Mints of the United States, except in the

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accounts. The depositor is paid for the gold and silver contained in his bullion as soon as it is assayed. Such bullion then becomes the property of the Government and, unless it consists of fine bars or coin, is sent to the acid refineries with other deposits; and the resulting metals are used without regard to the purposes for which deposited, for the manufacture of coin or bars. So that the bullion actually deposited by each depositor for the trade dollar was not made into the trade dollar for him, but he received the value of his bullion in trade dollars coined from the general stock of silver at the mints.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

Herman Silver. September 17, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined your bullion accounts for the period embraced between 1st. January 1885 and the close of your term of office, 31st. July 1885. These accounts are very incorrectly rendered, and there are several entries in them to which your attention was called in a previous letter, and which are not clear. A very careful examination of these accounts has been made in this Bureau and they have been restated on the forms enclosed which I transmit with the original accounts.

According to the corrected accounts, you owed the Government, on retiring from the office of assayer in charge of the Mint, $1,404.47 of which $1,297.84 belonged to the bullion fund,

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and $106.63 consisted of charges and profits. It appears, however, that you have deposited in the Treasury a larger amount of money as profits and charges than you had received. I, therefore, on the 11th. inst. addressed a letter to the Secy. of the Treasury requesting the return to this office of certificate of deposit No. 92 for $320.58 and No. 91 for $1,051.21 made by you with the Colorado National Bank of Denver on 31st. August, with the further request that they be cancelled, & that of the amount embraced in those two certificates, the sum of $1,297.84 (the amount due the bullion fund) be deposited in your name to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in his general account as a transfer from the bullion fund of the Mint at Denver; and that the balance of these two certificates $73.68 be deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States in your name, as miscellaneous profits. Deducting the sum of these two certificates from the balance called for by your bullion accounts leaves you charged with the sum of $32.68 which is the exact amount certified to have been in your hands by your daily statement of 31st. July. Of that amount your successor certifies to have received the sum of $12. You will therefore pay to him the sum of $20.68 additional, taking his receipt therefor, which you will forward together with his receipt for the $12 previously turned over to him, & with your corrected accounts.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Henry Troemner, Esq., September 17, 1885
710 Market Street,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I beg to enclose bill for restoring one of your Balances supplied to the Mint at Denver. The necessity for this work seems to have grown out of neglect to unpack it properly when received. The Balance should have been returned to you for restoration instead of being put into the hands of Ainsworth, whose bill seems to me so greatly excessive that I desire to submit it to your judgment and criticism, begging that you will state to me what a fair remuneration would be for the work performed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, September 18, 1885.
New York.

Your offers declined. Will accept same at one hundred and three cents per ounce fine. Offer good for today only.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to
Handy and Cronise, 24 Nassau Street, New York.
J. and W. Seligman & Co. " "
Zimmerman and Forshay, 19 Wall Street, " "

First Auditor, September 18, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement,

the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 11th. inst. the charges collected for the transportation of bullion will not be deposited in the Treasury but held to pay the cost when such bullion is shipped.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examina- and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Superintendent Mint, September 18, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the mint

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at Philadelphia of the sum of $403,619.46 payable in 21,694.546 ounces of standard gold bullion, the same being the amount of parted gold bullion on hand at your mint.

You will please see that the bullion is boxed, properly marked and ready for shipment upon presentation of transfer order by the Express Company. The charges for transporting this bullion will be paid at the department from the appropriation for transportation of bullion between the mints and assay offices for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 18, 1885
Denver, Colo

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your estimate of appropriations necessary for the support of your mint for the fiscal year 1887.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 18, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

You will please deposit in the Treasury in the name of Herman Silver, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, the sum of twelve dollars, turned over to you by Mr. Silver when you took charge of the mint, & forward the original certificate to this office.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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Late Assayer in Charge, September 18, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to a communication from this office of yesterday in regard to your bullion accounts, instructing you to turn over to your successor, Posey S. Wilson, the sum of $20.68, you are hereby directed to deposit to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S. the sum named ($20.68) instead of turning the same over to Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson has been instructed to-day to deposit in your name the sum of $12, which you have turned over to him.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge. September 18, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 103 for $382.15, being on account of charges on deposits inclosed in your communication of the 12th. inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 18, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memoranda No. 3192 A. & B. dated Sept. 11th. 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the Assay Office at

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New York. Shipments No. 43 & 44, dated Sept. 3rd & 4th 1885, and find the gross value to be $46,576.33, charges $112.37, and net value $46,463.96 for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Assay Office, September 18, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

In order to arrive at an intelligent understanding of the system of charges imposed at your institution, to enable this Bureau to decide whether the charges at present imposed are in accordance with law and regulations, and for the interest of the Government, I will thank you to inform me —

1st. In what class of cases the charge for refining is imposed only on the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the whole to standard.

2nd Whether this charge is imposed in lieu of the parting charge on deposits above standard.

3rd. Whether in the practical operations of your institution the deposits, upon which the charge is imposed only on the number of ounces required to be refined to raise the whole to standard, are not refined entire; that is, whether the entire number of ounces deposited does not go through the refinery.

4th. Whether, in case a parting charge should be imposed on all gold deposits containing an appreciable quantity of silver, the rate of charge could be reduced.

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The principal objection to the present system would seem to lie in the fact that the Melter and Refiner receives so large an amount of bullion with which he is not charged, thereby opening the door to carelessness. As an illustration of this, I have before me the Assay Report, gold deposited 1848, made on 25th day of May by the Fourth National Bank. This deposit contained 43.86 ounces of silver. The parting charge would have been $109.23. Deducting the value of the silver, say, at a dollar an ounce, the charge would have been $65.37. The total charge imposed was $41.54, a loss to the Government of $23.83 in charges, and 43.86 ounces were allowed the Melter & Refiner in this one deposit without being charged to him.

An early & full reply on this subject is requested.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. instant enclosing proposals received for 60 barrels Melters and Refiners sweeps for sale on the 14th. instant has been received.

The bid of E. Ballach & Son, viz. at $6.84 per hundred lbs. amounting in the aggregate to $1,792.63, is the highest and you are authorized to accept the same.

The bids are returned herewith.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Mr. Leavitt, of E.W. Bliss, Brooklyn, will be at the Philadelphia Mint Monday. Please give him every facility for examining the coining presses or other machinery in the Mint, and for making whatever drawings he may require.

If other official business does not prevent, I will visit the Mint on Tuesday morning.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to ascertain and report to me what items of the bill of June 30th. 1885, of the Orr and Hess Machine Co. were for expenses incurred in connection with the delivery and placing in position of the Ajax Coining Press, purchased by your predecessor on the 19th. of the same month.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 18, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 17th. inst in reference to depositing the charges of the quarter, I would say that it is desirable that the charges should be deposited in the same

quarter in which they accrue in order to prevent an accumulation of a balance in Profit and Loss Account, the exact character of which could not be readily ascertained. Charges are deposited at the San Francisco Mint on the last day of the quarter, and if it is not practicable to calculate the charges so that they can be deposited on the last day of the quarter, the entry can be made in the accounts, as of the last day, if the charges are deposited the following day.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 18, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Four Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen and $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($403619.46) payable in 21,694.546 ounces of standard gold bullion, expenses of transportation to be paid from the appropriation for freight on coin and bullion between the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices, 1886.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 18, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be

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made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont., to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Forty-six Thousand and Ninety-nine $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars ($46,099.04) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Sixty-four $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars, ($364.92) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-six Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-three $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars ($46,463.96) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memoranda No. 3192 A. & B. dated Sept. 11th. 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Robert Beall, Esq.,
#495 Penna. Ave.
Washington D. C.

September 18, 1885.

Sir:

Your bill of the 30th. of June for books &c. purchased for the use of this Bureau amounting to $5.25 has been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement.

In the course of ten days a draft for the amount will probably be mailed you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to
H. W. Christern, 37 West 23rd. St., N.Y., bill of 12 inst. for $63.08
Messrs. Eimer & Amend, #205, 3rd. Ave. N.Y. " " 30th. June for $36.92
for Laboratory supplies.
Messrs. Forsberg & Murray 219-21 Seventh St. S.W.

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bill of 20th. of Aug. for labor in connection with Laboratory engine, amounting to $15.00

Pennsylvania Germicide Co., 422 Liberty St., Phila. Bill of month of June for Inspection of Germicides, Philadelphia Mint, amounting to $4.80

B. Westermann & Co, #38, Broadway, N. Y. Bill of 11th. inst. amounting to $38.90

J. F. Ames, September 18, 1885.
New York City.

Sir:

The only document which our Bureau has in its possession relative to the Silver dollar is the latest published report of the Director of the Mint, a copy of which I herewith transmit to you.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

E. W. Bliss, Esq., September 18, 1885.
17 Adams Street,
Brooklyn.

Sir:

Thanking you for your obliging letter of the 17th. instant, I have to state that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to extend all facilities to Mr. Leavitt for his examination of any machinery in the institution, and for making any drawings he wishes.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Lyman J. Gage, Esq., President, September 18, 1885
Care First National Bank,
Chicago.

Sir:

The question of the amount of so-called available gold coin in circulation in the United States is one upon which this Bureau is in want of precise information. Should the suggestion seem to you practicable, I should be glad if some consideration of this matter be given by your Convention. Such is its importance that I am unwilling to accept the current estimates without confirmation by special inquiry.

Any aid to this inquiry on the part of the Bureau of the Mint will be cordially welcome.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

C. J. McGahey, September 18, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint. Your name will be placed on the list, and you will be furnished with the next publication.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Messrs. Jas. W. Queen and Co. September 18, 1885
924 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 16th. instant is received. If you address letters to the Superintendents

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of the different Mint establishments of the United States they will undoubtedly reach the parties whom you desire.

As a general rule the balances of American manufacture are preferred to foreign make, on account of the frequent renewals necessary from constant use.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Senor M. Romero, September 18, 1885.
E. E. and M. P. of Mexico.
Washington.

Sir:

Herewith is enclosed for your information, and by way of reply to your favor of the 9th instant, copy of a letter from the present Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia on the subject of the Mexican nickel coins sent to that Mint in March last.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 19, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Pay for boxes and boxing from silver profit fund. As the money is in your hands it is unnecessary to make any requisition.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Forward to-day corrected Annual Statement

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Earnings and Expenditures.
Include total paid Scott.
Exclude bill of three dollars disallowed.
Ore Assays do not agree with quarterlies.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

First Auditor, September 19, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana for the quarter ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I will thank you hereafter to state in the balance sheet of your bullion account the number of ounces of gold and silver at the Mint at Philadelphia, the value of which is entered in your balance sheet.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to

Assayer in Charge.	Charlotte.
" " "	Denver.
" " "	Helena.
" " "	St. Louis.

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Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
250 Memorandums of gold bullion deposited.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I return herewith the set of bullion accounts originally forwarded by you, for June 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1885 have been approved and forwarded to the First Auditor of the Treasury for examination and settlement. I would inquire why you did not charge yourself in those accounts with the sweep bars recovered during the year.

You have entered the account as an earning in your statement of earnings and expenditures during the year, but I am unable to check the amount because it does not appear in your bullion accounts for the last quarter of the year, as it should.

There was a balance in your Profit and Loss accounts, as shown by your accounts on 30th.

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of June of $1,754.76. Of this you have deposited in the Treasury $382.15. You will please deposit the remainder, and forward the certificate to this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to your ordinary expense account for the month of June 1885, the following vouchers have been disapproved, namely: No. 299 in favor of J. E. Wilson for $14.50 for stenographic work, and No. 302 in favor of W. E. Anning, for the same $286.25. You will instruct Mr. Wilson to repay to you the amount and to render his bill, in the same form as the one herewith returned to this office, with your approval, and his account will be referred to the accounting officers for payment from the appropriation for the examination of Mints and Assay Offices. You will instruct Mr. Anning to refund the amount paid him ($206.25) and to render the bill to this office for the number of hours that he was engaged as Stenographer & type-writer in the investigation, over and above the hours for which he was paid by you for services for the month of June, at the rate of $3.50 per day, and the same will be referred to the accounting officers of the department for examination and payment. In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regard to Mr. Anning's bill, I will repeat that he will be allowed compensation

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at the rate of $3.50 for every eight hours, whether Sundays or weekdays, that he was engaged in the investigation, after deducting eight hours per day for the the twenty-six for which he was paid by you on your payroll for the month of June.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 19, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Referring to the telegram from this Bureau of even date instructing you to forward a corrected statement of earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year 1885, I return herewith your statement of that year with the corrections noted in pencil. According to your four quarterly statements the amount received from the assay of ores was $1,348. If an additional amount was received as entered on your statement, you will please state in what quarter it was collected. The expense for salaries, as shown by your accounts, was $7,950, for wages of workmen $12,413.75, for contingent expenses $9,132.80 disbursed by you, and $143.26 paid at the Department, making a total of $9,276.06 The bills for subscription to the Stock Growers Association, and for payments to Messrs. Anning & Wilson have been disapproved and the expenses so incurred will not be included in your statement.

As it is important that the statements for the annual report of the Director should be completed at as early a date as possible, you will please give this matter your immediate attention.

Very respectfully, R. E. Preston Acting Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 19, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. instant enclosing statement of gold bars exchanged for gold coin during the months of July and August 1885, as provided by the Act of May 26 1882, has been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 19, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. instant enclosing statement of silver purchased from the 1st. to the 15th. instant, has been received

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 19, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 18th. inst. relative to the payment of the loss on Melter & Refiner's sweeps sold, the course pursued by you is entirely satisfactory to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 19, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. instant giving the result of proposals received to supply your mint with duck canvas of not less than 8 oz. to the yard, has been received and the award made by you to John Welsh at 8 3/8 per yard, is approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 19, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. instant enclosing Statement of "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production" for the month of April 1885, has been received and in reply thereto you are authorized to have the circular of inquiry printed as requested.

In rendering these statements it is essential that you have the fullest information possible that in all cases the source of production as well as other particulars, to correspond with the printed statements, may be given.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 19, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. instant enclosing copy of a letter addressed you by R. A. McClure, curator of the cabinet of your mint and endorsed by the Assayer and Assistant Assayer, recommend-

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ing the purchase of a complete set of 8 volumes on oriental coins for $42.50 is received.

You are authorized to purchase the books and pay for the same from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the current fiscal year.

The catalogue enclosed by you is returned herewith

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Chief of Bureau
of Statistics.

September 19, 1885.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this bureau with a statement showing the imports of gold and silver during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, similar to the statement heretofore furnished, published on pages 59, 60 & 61 of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1884, herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

E. L. Snow, Esq.,
N. Y. City.

September 19, 1885.

Sir:

The report to which you refer in your communication of the 18th. inst. has not yet left the hands of the printer. When it is received a copy will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 21, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The official bond of Henry W. Tallant, Chief Clerk of your Mint has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 21, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 3226 A. dated Sept. 14, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, Shipment No. 45, dated Sept. 8th, 1885, and find the gross value to be $22,648.37 charges $55.73 and net value $22,592.64 for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Assay Office at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 21, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your letters of the 14th. instant enclosing statements of domestic production and deposits and purchases for August 1885, also statements of domestic production and deposits and purchases for fiscal year 1885, are received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston Acting Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 21, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

I return herewith your memorandums of parts of shipments, Nos. 225, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235 and 236 of bullion received from R.B. Harrison, Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for correction.

Inasmuch as the silver contained in these shipments was paid for at the rate of $1.00 per ounce standard, it is necessary that you take up at the same rate. The Solicitor of the Treasury having decided and the Secretary of the Treasury having approved the decision to the effect that Mr. Harrison received and paid for the silver under a misapprehension of his instructions, he should be allowed credit for it at the same rate as he paid.

You will correct the memorandums accordingly and return the same to this bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 21, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your supplemental Ordinary Expense account for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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First Auditor, September 21, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Supplemental Ordinary Expense account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt Mint, September 21, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant transmitting the statement of gold and silver bullion and bars manufactured, and of gold and silver of domestic production deposited at your mint during the month of July, is received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Late Supt. Mint, September 21, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary Expense account for the month of June 1885 your attention is called to voucher #301, bill of James S. Watson & Son. The following item appears in the latter part of the bill:- ½ dozen Snowo adjustable clamps $3.00 $3.90 $5.85 / 2 4 6= $12.75 as extended. The figures above the line evidently represent the price per dozen and if so an error, or overpayment of $6.38 has been made I will thank you to cause the bill to be re-

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examined and report at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning — September 21, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Ten $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($22,410.25) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty-two $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($182.39) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{64}{100}$ ($22,592.64) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Mont. as shown by Memorandum No. 3226 A dated September 14th. 1885, of gold Bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

John Davis, Esq. — September 21, 1885.
Junction City, Kas.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for 1884 as requested by your communication of the 17th. inst. The table in regard to which you make inquiry was omitted from the 1883 report on account of its length, but will be contained in the special report on production, which is now in the hands of the

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printer, and a copy of which will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

E. W. Stump, September 21, 1885.
Charleston, Ariz.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for 1884 as requested by your communication of the 10th inst. The special report on Production for that year has not been received from the printer. On its receipt a copy will be forwarded to you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 22, 1885.
Boise City, T. T.

Forward corrected statements of year's Earnings and Expenses and Bullion Accounts immediately.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Fourth National Bank, September 22, 1885.
New York.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at ~~one~~ three and one half cents respectfully declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Clark, Dodge and Co., September 22, 1885.
51 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined, will accept same at one

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hundred three and fifteen hundredths cents per ounce fine, offer good for to-day only.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Co., Denver, Colo.
Offer for Philadelphia.

Telegram Fourth National Bank, New York.
" Handy & Crouse, 24 Nassau Street, " "
" Zimmerman & Forshay, 19 Wall Street, " "

First Auditor, September 22, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary and Supplemental accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mont. for the month ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 22, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Your award of contract to Ernest Jarvis to furnish fifteen hundred bushels of charcoal (best quality) at sixteen cents per bushel, and to the Helena Gas Light and Coke Company twenty-five tons of coke at twelve dollars per ton of two thousand pounds, is approved.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 22, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your estimates of appropriations, necessary for the support of your institution during the fiscal year 1887, transmitted with your communication of the 16th. instant.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Supt. Assay Office, September 22, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Please return the statement of Deposits & Purchases sent you for March, April, May & June, with information classified as nearly as possible according to the old form, by return mail. It will not be possible to wait for the information you have written for any longer.

I will also thank you to reply to my letter of the 16th. inst. in regard to your February statement.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 22, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st. instant enclosing bids received for 2 barrels coiners sweeps has been received.

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The bid of E. Babach & Son being the highest, you are authorized to accept the same.

The bids enclosed by you are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 22/85.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please state the amount of each denomination of gold proof coins delivered by the Coiner to the Cashier June 23, 1885, and reported on Form 231 for that day as of the value of $283.50

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 22, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In your statement (form #233) showing the amount of silver purchased and delivered during the month and the balance on hand on the 21st. instant, you omit to enter the purchases of which you were advised on the 16th. instant, of 50,000 ounces of Handy & Bronise and of 45,000 ounces from the Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. at the rate of 103 7/10¢ per ounce fine.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint, September, 22, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Return herewith the samples of blanks transmitted in your letter of 14th. inst. and as requested in letter of yesterday, authority is hereby granted you to have the same printed, their preparation here in a less period than a month or six weeks being impracticable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

M. A. Farrar, Esq., September 22, 1885.
Bristol, N. H.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 18th. inst I transmit herewith copies of the report upon the production of the precious metals for the years 1880-1883 inclusive. The report for 1884 is not yet printed. When it is, a copy will be sent to you. A copy of Williams report, for which you ask, is not at the disposal of this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Gen. Allen Thomas, September 22/85.
New Orleans.

Sir:

When the Computor of Bullion of this Bureau, was in New Orleans, acting under instructions from the Director, he directed Mr. Barton, the Assistant Coiner at the Mint to execute a new bond in the sum of $10,000. You will please see that Mr. Barton attends to this at once. Very respectfully,

R. E. Preston Acting Director.

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Telegram

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
San Francisco.

Reduction of force recommended in your letter of September sixteenth approved from thirtieth instant. Details by mail.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

First Auditor, September 23, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Supplemental Ordinary & Standard Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the month ending June 30, 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 23, 1885.
Boise City.

Sir:

Statement of checks drawn by you on the 16th. instant is herewith returned for signature.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th. instant enclosing statement of sweeps on hand, you are authorized and instructed to invite proposals

from the different smelting companies on the Pacific coast for the purchase of the sweeps.

You will submit the bids received to this bureau with your recommendation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 23, 1885.

Sir:

Please inform this Bureau at your early convenience as to the present condition of the scales until recently in use in the Coiners Department of the Carson Mint, and whether they are well protected against rust or are likely to get rusty this winter from want of fires.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Carson.

September 23, 1885.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of $218,966.45 payable in 225,341.93 ounces of standard silver bullion, the same being the amount of parted silver bullion on hand at your Mint as per your letter of the 11th. instant.

You will please have this bullion ready for shipment upon presentation of transfer orders by the Express Company.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, September 23, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. instant, acknowledging the receipt of Department Circular No. 134, and asking explanations of the instructions contained therein, is received.

If you will read the Circular literally your question will seem unnecessary. Assays of metals are not prohibited by the Circular.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th. instant enclosing copies of papers in connection with the bill of John A. Taylor for crucibles, covers, &c. furnished your mint, has been received.

From the papers enclosed by you, it appears that part of the crucibles charged for by Mr. Taylor were ordered by the late Melter and Refiner direct, without the requisition or the approval of the Superintendent. Such action on the part of the Melter and Refiner was irregular.

All supplies for the operative department should be purchased by the Superintendent upon requisition made by the operative officer and purchases without his approval must not be made.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 23, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your annual statement of Deposits and Purchases for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, your attention is respectfully directed to the fact that you have reported the amount of standard silver bars manufactured at 35,557.49 ounces and unparted bars at 111,064.92.

According to your monthly statements the amount of standard silver bars manufactured was 26,270.08, and unparted bars at 120,352.33. The total amount of silver bars manufactured, as shown by your monthly statements agrees with the annual, but there is a discrepancy of 9,287.41 ounces between the two classifications of bars as mentioned. You will please inform me by return mail which statement is correct - the annual or monthly - and if the annual, in which one of the monthlies the error occurs.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

12 Time books.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of the 8th instant, I would respectfully request you to forward the annual statement of deposits and purchases therein referred to.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward your annual statement of wastages and loss on sale of sweeps (Form 208) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, by return mail, or as soon as convenient.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. to that of your mint, of the sum of $403,619.46 payable in 21,694.546 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In sending your request in regard to the missing account book you omitted to return the letter of Mr. George Eyster to the Secretary of the Treasury. Please foward same.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Clark, Dodge and Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $1.0315
Boston and Colorado Smelting Co. 40,000 Ounces, at $1.0315

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant referring to letter of instructions from this bureau of the 12th instant wherein you were instructed to render your "silver bullion purchase account" and "uncurrent silver coin for recoinage account" in one account as well

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as the two gold assay coin accounts, and the two silver assay coin accounts and the two unpaid deposit accounts respectively in one account, is received, and for reasons stated therein the instructions contained in letter from this bureau of the 12 instant are hereby revoked.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 23, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I find that the statement furnished this office showing expenses incurred at your Mint for the purchase of machinery &c. since April 29th. 1879, gives $54,567.73 as the amount paid the Orr and Hess Machine Co. for labor during that period but does not give in detail the number of days and the per diem compensation. I will therefore thank you to have the bills re-examined for this additional information.

I will also thank you to have your foreman of machinists explain how the averages of per diem compensation paid, as shown in the statement furnished me under date of the 19th. instant, were obtained.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 23, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada

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to that of the mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Two Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty Six and 45/100 Dollars, ($218,966.45) payable in 225,341.93 ounces standard silver bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Peter P. Mahoney, M.C. September 23, 1885.
Brooklyn.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ultimo, in behalf of Mr. Thomas Paulson for appointment as Melter and Refiner of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, was duly received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury September 2nd.

So far as known to the Bureau no change has been proposed in the position referred to.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

H. E. Picotte, Esq., September 23, 1885.
Publisher Wood River Times"
Hailey, Idaho.

Sir:

Your bill of the 11th. instant, amounting to $6. for two years' subscription to the "Wood River Times", (June 21, 1884, to June 21, 1886), has been received and is herewith returned to be changed as to date of discontinuance, which should be September 15, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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John R. Shingleton, Esq., September 23, 1885.
Union Mills, N. Y.

Sir:

You are respectfully informed, in reply to your inquiry of the 19th. instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, that all silver dollars coined by the United States are of equal value, whether the representation of an eagle upon them be with eight or seven tail feathers.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esq., September 23, 1885.
4 Trafalgar Square,
London.

Sir:

Enclosed find memorandum of Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, London, for 2s. 10d. for pamphlets furnished this Bureau, which please pay and, forwarding their receipt, include in the account requested of you under date of the 16th. instant.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

F. W. Taussig, Esq., September 23, 1885.
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

In answer to your request of the 22nd. instant, for permission to use certain "tables of prices" which are to appear in one of the forthcoming reports of this Bureau, it may be said that there is no objection to your using them, although they are not from a "Mint Report", but from the appendix to the next "Report on Production of Precious Metals, 1884, for a

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number of years issued from the Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Henry Troemner, Esq., September 23, 1885.
710 Market Street,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Accept my thanks for your letter of the 19th.

You seem to have misunderstood my former letter. What I especially desire at your hands is an expression as to what appears to me to be a very exorbitant bill for adjusting the balance referred to, and an estimate from you of its actual value.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram, S. P. Rounds, September 24, 1885.
Public Printer.

Sir:

In addition to the three hundred and fifty (350) copies of the Report on Production of Gold and Silver now in press to be bound in sheep, you will please bind six hundred and fifty (650) in black cloth.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 24, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Corrections have been made in New York Assay Office memoranda referred to in your dispatch of to-day.

Jas P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

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Assayer in Charge, September 24, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 18th inst, asking instructions in regard to the collection of statistics on the Production of precious metals in the United States you are instructed to incur no expense in connection with that subject. It has not been decided, as yet, what statistics, if any, will be collected hereafter.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 24, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has this day been requested to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of $958,870.64 payable in 28,562,940 ounces standard gold (value $531,403.54) and 439,913.33 ounces standard silver (costing $427,467.10) contained in unparted bullion.

The above covers the amount of unparted gold and silver bullion on hand at your Mint, less the value of that contained in sweeps as per your letters of the 11th. and 14th. instants.

You will please have this bullion ready for shipment upon presentation by the Express Company of the transfer order.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

September 24, 1885.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd. instant reporting the amount of silver parted from gold deposits in July and August 1885 is herewith returned for signature.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

September 24, 1885.

Sir:

As the amount of silver bullion on hand at your Office would appear to be in excess of the requirement, please advise this Bureau what amount, if any, could be transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia without interfering with the prompt payment of deposits for fine bars.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

September 24, 1885.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested by this Bureau to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, to that of your office of the sum of $958,870.64 payable in 28,562.940 ounces standard gold (value $531,403.54) and 439,913.33 ounces standard silver (costing $427,467.10) contained in unparted bullion, which you will please receive and part and refine.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 24, 1885.
New York

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant, acknowledging the receipt of the letter of this Bureau of the 21st. instant, returning certain memorandums of gold bullion received from the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for correction of the rate at which the silver parted from gold was calculated and requesting a ruling as to the rate the silver contained in shipments No. 2 & 4 and 20 to 42 inclusive, should be received by you has been received.

In reply you are informed that shipments No. 20 to 42 inclusive consists of bullion received by the Assayer in Charge at Helena prior to May 1st. 1885 when the rate authorized to be paid for silver contained in gold deposits was $1.00 per ounce standard and should be received from him at the same rate.

The silver contained in shipments No. 2 & 4 should be calculated at 96 cents per ounce standard.

You should be governed by the letter of advice from the Assayer in Charge as to the rate at which silver contained in gold bullion received from him should be calculated.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 24 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd. inst. in relation to depositing the charges collected of depositors in the same quarter in which they

accrue, it is considered desirable that this instruction should be adhered to; for the reason that the miscellaneous charges are entered in the accounts to the credit of Profit and Loss, and other earnings go to the credit of the same account. Consequently if the charges are not deposited in the same quarter in which they are collected, they form a portion of the general balance in the Profit & Loss account, and it is difficult to separate them afterwards from other earnings. This is the practice at the San Francisco Mint, where the number of deposits on which charges are imposed largely exceeds that at your institution; and this instruction has not been objected to as impracticable by any other of the Mints or Assay Offices. In order to obviate the objection which you raise, it was thought that you could take credit in your accounts for the certificate of deposit made on the succeeding day, as the accounts do not reach the Department for several months after the close of the quarter, and the covering warrants have been issued before their settlement. It is not proposed to make any change in your Ledgers, and if your Ledger should disagree, by the amount of those certificates, with the balance called for by bullion accounts, it would be of less importance to the Department than the closing out of the earnings and charges in the accounts in which they accrue.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director.

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Hon. Daniel Manning, September 24, 1885
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York of the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars ($958,870.64) payable in 28,562.940 ounces standard gold (value $531,403.54) and 439,913.33 ounces standard silver (costing $427,467.10) contained in unparted bullion.

The expenses of transportation to be paid from the appropriation for transportation of bullion and coin between the U. S. Mints and Assay Offices

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 24, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the Assay Office at New York of the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars ($17,394.06) in gold coin and Twelve Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-five $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($12,365.09) in silver coin, making a total of Twenty-nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-nine $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($29,759.15) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Mon., as shown by Memoranda No. 3105 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J & K,

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dated September 8th. 1885, of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Senator R. L. Gibson, September 24, 1885.
White Sulphur Springs,
West Va.

Sir:

I am sorry not to be able to comply with the request of the correspondent whose letter accompanies your note of the 20th, instant; but the Bureau was compelled to withdraw its exhibit from the buildings of the Exposition at New Orleans and it is not deemed expedient now to replace the machine to which Mr. Glenn refers. Mr. Glen's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Geo. S. Hilton, Esq., September 24, 1885.
Patterson, N. J.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 23rd inst. I transmit herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1884.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
Philadelphia.

The Official Register bears name of one machinist at two-seventy-five per diem. How was time given by foreman for last year made? were additional workmen detailed?

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Fourth National Bank, September 25, 1885.
New York.

Your offers declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to
Telegram Zimmerman and Forshay, 19 Wall Street, New York.

Assayer in Charge, September 25, 1885.
Boise City.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. instant enclosing Statements of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production and of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion at your office during the month of August, 1885 is received.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 25, 1885.
Boise City.

Sir:

The temporary employment of Howard E. Hutchinson as Clerk of your institution submitted in your letter of the 19th. instant is hereby approved to take effect from the date of entering upon duty.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 25, 1885.
Denver.

Sir:

There has been received and examined by this Bureau, Deposit Memorandum No. 1489, dated Sept. 19, 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 7, dated Sept. 12, 1885, and the gross value found to be $21,509.34, charges $51.64 and net value $21,457.70 for which latter sum a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, dated Sept. 24, except amts. &c. sent to

Assayer in Charge, Helena, Mon.

Dep. Mem. No. 3205 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J. and K, dated Sept. 5, 1885. Shipments No. 225 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235 & 236, dated April 25, 27, 28, 29 & 30, May 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 & 8, 1885. Gross value $30,106.58, charges $347.43 and net value $29,759.15, transfer of which requested to N. Y.

Assayer in Charge, September 25, 1885.
Denver.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st. instant enclosing copy of a letter of the Assistant Assayer of your Mint suggesting that the sweeps on hand should be sent to one of the Denver Sampling Companies to be sampled and sold by the company has been received.

The course suggested is irregular and cannot be sanctioned.

You will please have the sweeps thoroughly mixed so that fair samples may be obtained, then take and assay such number of samples

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as will give a fair average of the value of gold and silver contained per 100 pounds and report the result to this Bureau.

You will continue your efforts to dispose of them by again inviting proposals from the different Smelting Companies, stating the value of the bullion contained as shown by your assays and submit such offers as may be received with your recommendation to this Bureau for approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The official bond of Hyder A Kennedy as Assistant Melter & Refiner of your mint was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and has to-day been referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except name sent to
Supt. Mint, New Orleans.

Bond of William M. Lynch as Assistant Assayer; approved on 10th instant.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your communication of the 9 instant relative to a reduction of force in the General Department of your Mint has been received. It is a matter of regret to this Bureau that you have not found

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means to make such a reduction without any further suggestion on the subject.

On April 2nd, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, a circular letter was addressed to the Mints, urging the necessity of reducing the force. Large reductions have been submitted from all of the coinage Mints except that at New Orleans. It was expected that upon the assumption of the office of Superintendent by you some recommendations in the way of an economical administration would be suggested. You state in your communication that it is impossible for you to reduce the force of workmen in the General Department for the reason that you have, altogether, only five workmen. The pay roll of your mint for the month of July was before me when the suggestion was made, and it showed the names of eight persons borne on the rolls as workmen.

In addition to the clerks provided for by law at your Mint, there are in the General Department, as shown by the same roll, three extra clerks and a copyist paid a per diem compensation. It is believed that in the interest of economy a reduction is possible in this direction.

With regard to the counters, the shipments from your Mint for the last five months show conclusively that there could have been but little, if any, work for them. It is understood that the duty of the counters consists in putting up silver dollars in ten-dollar packages. But there is no requirement on the part of the Mint to put money up in small packages. It is not done at the other coinage Mints; and the employment of counters in the General Department has not been found necessary at them. Any of the persons who have been employed in that capacity

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whose services are otherwise necessary should be transferred to the Coiner's Department, where they properly belong.

With regard to overtime, your pay rolls for the months of July and August show that among the other employés allowed overtime, four days overtime in July and four in August were allowed a clerk in the General Department.

It is not the practice at the Mints to allow overtime to clerks, nor does it seem necessary in the coinage of 800,000 silver dollars, with the force at your Mint; overtime in the case of an engineer or machinist for repairs would be a different matter. Where overtime is allowed, you will please state—or, if in the operative departments, the officer in charge—the necessity for such allowance.

In view of the fact that the expenses of your Mint are largely in excess of the appropriations made by Congress for its support and the consequent necessity either of asking for a deficiency appropriation or recommending an advance from the standard silver dollar fund, it is important that the expenses should be kept at as low a point as possible. In order that the business of the operative departments may not be impaired, it is expected that the reduction in the General Department will do the least injury.

Your immediate attention is requested to the matters here presented.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Assay Office, September 25, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Your letters of 23rd and 24th instant returning corrected statements of Deposits and Purchases of Domestic Production, March, April, May and June 1885, are received.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me of the cost of the Engravers department of your mint for each of the last two years, including salaries, wages and incidental expenses separately.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward Form 125, "Record of coins reserved "for annual assay and of deliveries, at the Mint of "the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the months of May, "June, July and August, 1885."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

As there is such a surplus of cents and five-cent pieces in the vaults of the Treasury it will not be desirable to resume their coinage.

On conferring with other Treasury officials it seems that there is no requirement on the part of the Mint to keep on hand subsidiary coin for distribution. This distribution is properly in the hands of the Treasury Department, and applicants for small subsidiary coin should be referred to the Subtreasury in your city.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a memorandum showing the cost of coinage at the mint at Philadelphia during the fiscal year 1884, as compared with the first two months of the present fiscal year. Of course, it is apparent that by far the larger number of pieces executed in the fiscal years referred to, consisted of minor coins of which the major portion was cents, which required little expense. At the same time, it is evident that the coinage of 1,700,000 per month of silver dollars at your mint alone would not warrant the present rate of expenditure for labor. It is therefore suggested that you proceed to coin, as rapidly as possible, the gold bullion at your mint, in addition to your monthly allotment of silver dollars.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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Philadelphia Mint.

Coinage for the fiscal year 1884

Description

	Pieces	Value
Gold	425, 334	$2, 777, 154.
Silver	19, 406, 793	13, 854, 387. 80
Minor	55, 955, 029	1, 174, 709. 73
Total	75, 787, 156	17, 806, 251. 53

Cost for labor and incidentals (less wastage) $477, 825.96
Average cost per piece 6 4/10 mills.

In 1885

	Description	
	Pieces	Value
Gold	453, 469	$2, 952, 563.50
Silver	17, 800, 099	15, 029, 159.95
Minor	24, 610, 760	527, 556.80
Total	42, 864, 328	18, 509, 280.25

Cost for labor and incidentals (less wastage) $495, 114.33
Average cost per piece 1.1 cents.
Coinage for July and August of the fiscal year 1886, 3,600,000 silver dollars. Cost for labor and incidentals (less wastage) $63,102.38. Average price per piece 1.8 cents.

The present coinage of the Philadelphia Mint consists exclusively of silver dollars. The quota fixed is 1,700,000 silver dollars per month, which would be, in round figures 20,000,000 silver dollars a year. The expenses for labor and incidentals are, in round figures $500,000, so that at the present rate of expense the cost per piece would be 2½ cents.

Supt. Mint, September 25, 1885.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Please forward Form 125, "Record of coins reserved for annual assay and of deliveries at the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco, for the month of August, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 25, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Fifteen Dollars ($21,215.) in gold coin and Two Hundred and Forty-two 70/100 Dollars ($242.70) in silver coin, making a total of Twenty-one Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty-seven 70/100 Dollars ($21,457.70) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 1489, dated Sept. 19, 1885, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Wm. H. Kamey, Esq., September 25, 1885.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

The report on the production of gold and silver is not yet printed, but a copy will be sent you

when received. I transmit herewith copies of the report from 1880 to 1883 inclusive.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

John G. Herlwig, September 25, 1885.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of this date, the bullion value of the silver contained in a standard silver dollar of the United States, at the last quotation of British Silver – 47½ pence – at the par of exchange, is worth 80.5 cents. Your postal card is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Handy and Cronise, September 26, 1885.
New York.

All offers yesterday declined and no counter offers made. Your offer has been found, and would have been declined, as the rates named were too high.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Telegram. Handy and Cronise, September 26, 1885.
24 Nassau St., N. Y.

No offers received from you yesterday and none will be considered until Tuesday next.

R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

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Telegram. Zimmerman and Forshay, September 26, 1885.
19 Wall St., N. Y.
No offer can be made before next Tuesday.
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 26, 1885.
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st. 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, September 26, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I return herewith the bi-monthly pay-rolls enclosed with your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of August 1885.

It is not necessary to treat these rolls as vouchers after the pay-roll at the end of the month, which should embrace the entire compensation of the month, has been receipted. It will be well, however, to keep them for a time to settle misunderstandings that might arise.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

W. P. Blake, September 26, 1885.
Mill Rock, New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

I send you to-day ten (10) copies of the Report on

the Production of Gold and Silver for 1884 just received from the printer.

Ten (10) additional copies will be sent you bound in cloth, as soon as they are received from the printer. There was only a limited number of the edition bound.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 28, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 28, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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C. G. Dahlgren, Esq.,
294 Macon Street.
Brooklyn.

September 28, 1888.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. instant to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this Office, and in reply you are informed that the silver bullion for the silver dollar coinage is purchased on Tuesdays and Fridays, upon bids received up to two o'clock, from bullion dealers and others. The Superintendent of the Mint at which it is to be delivered pays for the same in lawful money by draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

M. Goldsmith, Esq.,
#107 Franklin St., N. Y.

September 28, 1888.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th instant to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this bureau and in reply you are informed that at present no nickel is being used by the government as the minor coinage has been suspended for the time being.

Nickel coinage is executed at the Philadelphia mint only, and when required by the Superintendent of that institution for that purpose, the nickel is furnished in the form of ingots or bars.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

J. P. Hanson, Esq., September 28, 1885.
Freeport,
Washington Territory.

Sir:

Your letters of the 18th. and 19th. instant to the Secretary of the Treasury, have been referred to this bureau and in reply you are informed that no reward or bounty has been offered for the discovery of paraffine clay.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co., September 29, 1885.
51 Wall Street, N. Y.
Ship to Philadelphia.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.
Confirmed.

Telegram Clark, Dodge & Co., September 29, 1885.
51 Wall St., N. Y.
Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at one hundred three sixty nine accepted for Philadelphia, will accept balance at one hundred three and fifty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.
Confirmed

Telegram Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. September 29, 1885.
Denver, Colorado.
Your offer accepted for New Orleans at one hundred three and sixty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.
Confirmed

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Telegram Fourth National Bank, September 29, 1885.
New York.
Your offers accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Telegram Handy and Cronise, September 29, 1885.
24 Nassau St., N.Y.
Your offer declined will accept same at one hundred three and fifty five hundredths cents per ounce.
Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.
Similar telegram sent to
Telegram J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York.
" Zimmermann & Forshay, 19 Wall Street, " "

Assayer in Charge, September 29, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 22nd inst in relation to the absence from duty of Mr. F. A. Greenleaf on account of severe illness I have to say that it has not been the practice of the Mint service, nor do the regulations require it, to stop the pay of an employé when incapacitated for labor by sickness.

How long such person should be continued in the employ of the Government, however, in case of protracted illness is a matter which must be left very much to the judgment of the officer in charge, who should take into consideration the best interests of the service on the one hand and the efficiency and length of service of the employé on the other.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Supt. Mint,
New Orleans.

September 29, 1885.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward, for file with your Ordinary Expense account for the month of August 1885, copy of telegram to the U. S. Steamer Swatara, for which $1.20 is charged in voucher #38.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
New Orleans

September 29, 1885.

Sir:

Yours of the 23rd. inst., enclosing a communication from the coiner of your mint in relation to the necessity for an increase in the adjusting force of his Department has been received, and the recommendations of the Coiner seeming reasonable and proper, authority is hereby given him to nominate six additional Adjusters whose appointment you will forward to this Bureau. You will please call the Coiner's attention to my letter of the 25th. instant instructing you to abolish the counting room, and the suggestion that in appointing the six Adjusters he nominate such of the counters whose services he may consider desirable.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, September 29, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Boston & Colorad Smelting Co. 40,000 ounces, at $1.0365.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Purchased of Fourth National Bank, 50,000 at 1.0340
Fourth National Bank, 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0350
Clark, Dodge and Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0369

Supt. Assay Office, September 29, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of yesterday in regard to the quantity of silver which you will be able to dispense with in your business, your attention is directed to the fact that it is considered important to use as rapidly as possible, in the coinage of silver dollars, the silver purchased at your institution; and you will please assist, as far as practicable, in carrying out this purpose, by retaining in stock only such silver as is absolutely necessary for your daily business with depositors for bars. You will please state in detail the amount of silver which

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will be necessary for this latter purpose.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

September 29, 1888.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your estimates of appropriations necessary for the support of your institution during the fiscal year 1887.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia

September 29, 1888

Sir:

Your communication of the 26th. inst. enclosing a letter from your cashier relative to the cost of coining silver dollars at your mint, has been received. The letter of Mr. Cobb contains some inaccuracies to which your attention is directed. Under the first head, he has included refining and separating as a portion of the expenses of coining gold and silver. Those items of expense were not included in the statement forwarded you from this Bureau, for the reason that the charges are collected of depositors for defraying the expenses. Under the second head, in stating the processes to which minor coins are subjected, he has omitted the melting, rolling and cutting processes to which all the minor coins except the cents are subjected.

Of the minor coins struck at your mint in the year 1884, 15,000,000 consisted of five-cent

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pieces, and in 1885 over 7,000,000, all of which pieces were subjected to about the same processes, with the exception of adjusting, as the silver coin, remembering, of course, that the expense of preparing the silver suitable for ingots is borne by the depositor. However, this has no material bearing on the point to which your attention was directed. The main fact is that it is now costing for labor and incidentals nearly, if not over, two cents a piece for coining silver dollars at your mint — that being the only coinage at present executed — while at the New Orleans Mint where a much smaller coinage is executed the average cost per piece for the fiscal years 1884 & 1885 and for the month of August of the present fiscal year was about 1.5 cents.

At the New Orleans Mint 34 adjusters are employed; at your mint 133, not including 24 counters. Either the force of your office should be reduced or a large gold coinage should be executed to warrant the present rate of expenditures.

For the present, you will coin, in addition to your quota of silver dollars, half eagles; and it is hoped that you will be able to coin up the greater portion of the gold bullion in your mint during the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

Jas. P. Kimball

Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 29, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

With reference to the enclosures from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, reporting the character of his armory, I have the honor to suggest that these communications be referred to the War Department, and its consideration be invited to the question whether the efficiency of the present antiquated armory cannot be improved by modern repeating arms.

This question, I may say, would necessarily be considered with reference to the peculiar service for which the arms and ammunition should be adapted, especially for use at short range.

Pending full consideration of this matter it is desirable that the Ordnance Office supply the Mint at Philadelphia with one thousand rounds of ball cartridges for Springfield carbines.

Having exhausted all means for the recovery of one missing Springfield carbine, as reported, the Mint at Philadelphia stands ready to execute whatever voucher for it may be required by the War Department.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Carson.

Ascertain if Joseph R. Ryan would accept the position of Assayer in charge U.S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho. Answer by telegram.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Confirmed.

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Telegram Assayer in Charge, September 30, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Fifty thousand dollars will be placed to your credit at New York to-day.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Please hasten report of Orr & Hess labor account, requested on the twenty-third instant, by letter.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Clark, Dodge & Co., September 30, 1885.
#51 Wall Street, N. Y.

One naught three fifty-five is correct.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed.

First Auditor, September 30, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Bullion accounts of Herman Silver, late Assayer in charge at Denver, Colo., for the quarters ending March 31st & June 30th 1885, also for the month of July 1885, and supplemental accounts covering the balance with which he was charged into the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

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First Auditor, September 30, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the two months ending August 31st. 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law. See note on Augt. abstract of disbursements, in relation to an overpayment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except name of p/c &c. sent to First Auditor. Transmitting Ord. & Ref. Ex. Accts. of Supt. Philo. Mint. Note certificate on abstract of Disbursements, recommending disallowance of an overpayment in temporary adjusters roll for the month of August amounting to 87¢

Assayer in Charge, September 30, 1885.
Boisé City.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of estimates of appropriations, necessary for the support of your institution for the fiscal year 1887.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 30, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In preparing your bullion accounts for the quarter ending September 30th. you will not take up any opening balance, as the amounts in

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Mr. Silver's hands have been covered into the Treasury. It is presumed that the deposits for which you receipted were made on 1st. Augt, consequently will appear in your accounts, as all the deposits embraced in Mr. Silver's abstract sheets for the month of July were paid.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, September 30, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have personally investigated the matter of Ainsworth's bill, against your Mint for work upon a new Troemner Balance.

No recourse is open to this Bureau but to disallow this bill. If the balances, on receipt by you, were not satisfactory they should have been returned to the maker, especially if there was anything requiring considerable work beyond the expense of transportation to and from.

On conferring with the maker he claims that the balance left his hands in prime condition, and claims that the balance was one of the best of his make, and, indeed, an especially good one, and he is at a loss to understand what justification there could be for any work, either for setting or adjusting.

So far as Ainsworth's bill is itemized it seems to me, as well as to all whom I have consulted in the matter, as in the highest degree extortionate. No other term seems to be applicable to the case.

The provision of a glass case for this balance appears to have been your own

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requirement, but so far as I am informed unnecessary and, in fact, a disadvantage.

With regard to Ainsworth's claim of having neglected his business, this seems quite incompatible with his printed bill head, in which it appears that "Special attention is given to the Repairing of the Oertling, Becker and Troemner Balances", and therefore must be considered a part of his regular business.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary Accounts for the months of July and August 1885, with my approval, except an overpayment of $1.75 to Donia Torrey, Counter, which I have recommended to be disallowed. This employe's oath of office dates from Aug. 3rd. 1885, she could consequently only be entitled to 25 days service instead of 26 days, the time allowed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your

Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and paid for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-

Clark, Dodge and Co., 100,000 Ounces, at $1.0355

Zimmermann & Forshay 20,000 Ounces, at $1.0355.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Times" amounting to $3.30 for advertising proposals for condemned spelter and transmitted for payment from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the months of July and August 1885, with my approval, except an overpayment in the temporary Adjusters' roll for July made to Kate E. Marshall, amounting to 87¢ which I have recommended to be

disallowed. Miss Marshall's oath of office bears date of July 30, she could therefore, at the most, be entitled to only 2 days pay instead of 2½ days, as allowed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to purchase at the lowest price from Mr. Henry Troemner the following weights for the use of the San Francisco Mint.

One set of standard Troy ounce weights from 500 ounces down to $\frac{1}{100}$ of an ounce. One set of standard grain weights from 1000 grains down to $\frac{1}{100}$ of a grain, also a standard grain and half grain weight to be used as a unit with which to compare and adjust gold and silver assay weights.

When the weights are completed, please have them compared with the standard weights in the Mint, if found to be standard, instruct Mr. Troemner to carefully pack and forward them by express to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco.

You will forward your certificate of the correctness of the weights and the account of Mr. Troemner receipted in duplicate to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for payment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, September 30, 1885.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed find copy of letter this day addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, instructing him to purchase and cause to be forwarded two sets of weights for use of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, September 30, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

With reference to the resignation of Russell B. Harrison, Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, handed me by yourself, and the nomination to the vacancy of Spruille Braden, now Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City, Idaho, I have the honor to recommend that the resignation be accepted and Mr. Braden promoted to the same office at Helena which he has satisfactorily filled at Boisé City.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Geo. E. Ashby, Esq., September 30, 1885.
N. Y. City.

Sir:

A copy of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals will be transmitted to you, in compliance with your request of 29th. inst.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball Director.

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The Publishers of
The Press,
Philadelphia.

September 30, 1885.

Gentlemen:

Please furnish this Bureau one copy of the daily edition (Sundays excepted) of The Press, from the first proximo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Please forward bill for collection.

Similar letter except name sent to The New York Herald, requesting one copy New York Herald.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar
Secy. of Interior.

September 30, 1885.

Sir:

I will thank you to have forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint, a copy of the quarto edition of the Tenth Census, with the supplemental bulletins which have been issued since. The information contained will be valuable to the Director of the Mint in connection with monetary subjects.

Very respectfully,
D. Manning,
Secy of Treasury.

Joan C. Michels, Esq.,
Brooklyn, New York.

September 30, 1885.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of 29th. inst. I would state that the report of the Commissioner of Mining Statistics for 1873 is not at my disposal. I do not think they

can be obtained except by purchase from some second hand dealer.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. J. M. Pollock, September 30, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

This Department is in the possession of official information to the effect that in 1872, about the month of January, a memorandum book of accounts, alleged to be a part of the official records of the Mint at Philadelphia, was delivered to you personally by an official of the Mint at Philadelphia and that it has never been returned to the Mint. Unless you are able to justify to this Department, your action in retaining this book, you are hereby requested to return it to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. Your early attention to this matter is expected.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Herman Silver, September 30, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your bullion accounts for the quarter ending March 31st. and June 30th. 1885, also for the month of July 1885, have been approved, and referred to the proper accounting officers for examination and settlement.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Herman Silver, September 30, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

C. D. No. 232 for $73.95, being on account of Miscellaneous profits inclosed in your communication of the 25th instant, has been received, properly endorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amt. &c. sent to
H. Silver Esq., Denver, Col.
C. D. No. 236 for $20.68

P. M. Taylor, September 30, 1885.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

Yours of 28th inst. received. A copy of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals has been already sent you. If it has not arrived, please let me know.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Twenty-five thousand dollars on each bank sent you by mail yesterday.

Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Telegram. Zimmermann & Forshay. October 1, 1885.
19 Wall Street, N. Y.
One, naught three fifty-five is correct.
Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

In view of the fact as stated by you that other good men are not only willing but anxious to take Mr. A. H. Low's place, as Assistant in the Assay Department of your Mint, at the present rate of compensation, the increase of 50¢ per day in his pay, incidentally alluded to in your letter of August 22nd. is hereby disapproved.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th. inst. transmitting bond and oath of office of T. B. Hall, Day Watchman of your Mint, you are informed that no affidavits of surety accompanied the bond. I enclose a supply of blanks and return the bond to be substituted by the regular blank if not inconvenient to do so.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

The removals and appointments made by you since entering upon duty as Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, which have as yet not been acted upon by this Office, are hereby approved to take effect, in the case of removals, from the dates fixed by you and in the case of appointments from the dates of official oaths. In all cases the compensation will be the same as paid by your predecessor.

Hereafter in reporting removals or resignations, or in submitting appointments I will thank you to state explicitly the date upon which service is to terminate or commence.

Except in cases of immediate necessity which must be fully explained, you will submit appointments in time to receive the approval of this office before the appointee takes the oath of office or enters upon duty. (See par. 2. of the instructions and regulations).

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Enclosed find letter from the Secretary of the Treasury accepting, by direction of the President, your resignation as Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to take effect upon qualification of a successor.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Deposit Memoranda No. 3115 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, and 3340 dated September 5th and 22nd 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Assay Office at New York, Shipments No. 2, 4, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33 & 46 dated Aug. 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1885, have been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $49,485.16, charges $395.09, and net value $49,090.07 for which latter sum a transfer has been requested to be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 1, 1885.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th. ultimo requesting a certified copy of the testimony taken in the investigation of the charges preferred against you by John P. Donaldson, is received. As the testimony covers several hundred pages and will require considerable time to copy I have directed the Assayer to send you by registered mail your stenographer's original notes and also the notes of the special stenographer Mr. Wilson.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, October 1, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

1000 Abstract Clerks Deposit Memorandums.
1000 do do silver bullion do
1000 Localities of gold deposits
1000 Daily deliveries of bullion
8000 Assayer's cards
4 Coiner's silver ingot books.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 1, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

In the future you will please take from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week a piece of each denomination of gold and silver coined at your Mint and forward them at the close of each month to this Bureau for special test as prescribed by the regulations.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to

Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

In case the delivery is one of dimes ten pieces will be selected

Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

In case the delivery is one of dimes ten pieces will be selected.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

October 1, 1885.

Sir:

With reference to your communication of the 30th. ultimo, I have ascertained that a special appropriation of $25,000 was passed by the 44th. Congress (Legislative Bill, March 3, 1877) for repair and addition of machinery in the Mints and New York Assay Office (Statutes at Large, Vol. 19-360), and that the amount appropriated was expended for two coining presses - one for Carson and one for Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning,
Secretary of the Treasury.

October 1, 1885.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York of the sum of Thirty-six Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-eight 63/100 Dollars ($36,678.63) in gold coin, and Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and Eleven 44/100 Dollars ($12,411.44) in silver coin, making a total of Forty-nine Thousand and Ninety 07/100 ($49,090.07) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memoranda No. 3115 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N and 3340 dated September 5th. and 22nd. 1885 of gold bullion deposited at said Assay Office.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball, Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, October 2, 1885.
Carson, Nevada.

Pay for boxes and boxing bullion from your contingent appropriation.

Do not make shipment of parted silver until transfer order covering the additional amount stated in your letter of the twenty third ultimo is received.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram Assayer in Charge, October 2, 1885.
Helena.

State by wire to-day number of ounces and value of Gold and Silver separately charged to you June thirtieth including New York Assay Office balance.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram. Clark, Dodge & Co. October 2, 1885.
51 Wall Street, N. Y.

Your offer of eighteen thousand at one hundred three eighty five accepted for New Orleans and balance accepted for Phila.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Jas. B. Colgate & Co. October 2, 1885.
47 Wall Street, N. Y.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at one hundred three and eighty five hundredths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Handy & Bronise October 2, 1885.
24 Nassau Street, N.Y.
Your offer accepted.
Jas. P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, October 2, 1885.
New York.
Your offer at one hundred three and eighty five accepted, other declined will accept at same rate.
Jas P. Kimball
Confirmed Director.

Supt. Mint, October 2, 1885.
New Orleans.
Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of-
Clark, Dodge and Co. 18,000 Ounces, at $1.0385
Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except names & amts. sent to
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. Purchased of
Fourth National Bank, N.Y. 20,000 Ounces, at $1.0385
Handy & Bronise, 150,000 Ounces, at $1.0390
Clark, Dodge & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0388
Clark, Dodge & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $1.0383

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Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

October 2, 1885.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the month of September and forwarded to this Bureau for special assay have been received, viz:

9 Standard Silver Dollars, $9.00

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

October 2, 1885.

Sir:

Your communication of the 1st. inst., enclosing a statement of deposits and purchases of bullion at your mint during the year, and bars manufactured, has been received. The standard weight of the fine gold bars manufactured is given as 21,603.510. According to your monthly statements the amount is 21,645.065. On your annual statement the standard weight of fine silver bars manufactured was 18,436.37; according to your monthly statements it was 18,982.91. On the annual statement sterling bars manufactured amounted to 18,309.37 ounces; according to the monthly statements, 13,974.22.

Your attention is respectfully directed to these discrepancies, which are embarrassing for the reason that your annual statement was requested some weeks ago, and it delays the preparation of the tables for my annual report which is nearly completed. The annual and the twelve monthly statements are herewith returned, and you will please give the matter immediate attention and return the monthly

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statements to this office, with corrected statements.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 2, 1885.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 1626 dated Sept. 25th 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the Mint U. S. at Philadelphia, Pa., Shipment No. 29, dated Sept. 23, 1885 has been received and examined at this Bureau, the gross value found to be $8986.87 charges $25.18, and net value $8,961.69 for which latter sum a transfer has been requested to be made from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 2, 1885.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The official bond of Charles M. Gorham, as Coiner of your Mint, has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

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Hon. Daniel Manning, October 2, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis. Mo., to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., of the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixteen $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($8,816.50) in gold coin and One Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars ($145.19) in silver coin, making a total of Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{69}{100}$ Dollars ($8,961.69) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum No. 1526, dated Sept. 25th. 1885, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, October 2, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In view of the large accumulation of gold bars at Philadelphia and New York, I have the honor to request an expression of your wishes as to the denomination of gold coin to be struck for the current month by the Mint at Philadelphia, and of the relative proportion of the different denominations. And a similar expression of your wishes is desired with reference to the coinage of gold for the same period by the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Hon. Horatio C. Burchard, October 2, 1885.
Springfield, Ill.

Sir:

Copies of your report on the Production of Gold and Silver for 1884 are being received at the Bureau. If you will inform me of the number you wish mailed you, I will take pleasure in forwarding them; or if you will send me a list of persons to whom you desire them sent I will see that it is done. Copies have already been sent to the persons on the list you prepared.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

President of the October 2, 1885.
Boston & Colorado Smelting Co
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Hereafter, bids for the sale of silver bullion will be opened at the office of the Treasurer of the United States, on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week at one o'clock instead of two o'clock as formerly.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to

Messrs. Clark, Dodge & Co., #51 Wall Street, New York
Messrs. Jas. B. Colgate & Co., #47 " " " "
O. D. Baldwin, Prest Fourth National Bank, " "
Messrs. Handy & Cronise, #24 Nassau Street, " "
Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. " "
David M. Stone, Ed. Journal of Commerce " "
Messrs. J. Walsh & Son, #5 Wall Street, " "
Messrs. Zimmermann & Forshay, #19 Wall Street " "

Assayer in Charge, October 3, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President of the United States has appointed you Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montana. Your Commission bearing date of September 30th. is now in my possession and will be mailed to you at Helena upon receipt and approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, of your bond, which will be executed in the penal sum of $50,000. I inclose herewith the necessary blanks to enable you to qualify.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 3, 1885.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of August 26th explaining voucher #191 of your Ordinary Account, for June 1885, I would state that it was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for such action as he might deem just. The letter has been returned with the information that the Secretary of the Treasury can afford no relief in the case.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Assay Office, October 3, 1885.
New York.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:
5000 Assayer's reports on Gold Bullion deposited No 396.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 3, 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division Treasury Department, for Stationery shipped you on the 2nd. of July, amounting to $86.36 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1886.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except amt. &c. sent to
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.
Bill for Stationery shipped on 21st. July amounting to $75.22.

Telegram James P. Kimball, Director. Octobe 5, 1885.
care U. S Mint, Philadelphia

Appropriation for eighty one Five Thousand dollars, for eighty-two Four Thousand Nine Hundred and fifty, for eighty-three Four Thousand dollars; for eighty-four, eighty-five and eighty six Four Thousand each year.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge, October 5, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending Sept. 30th., 1885.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 5, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have received and examined Deposit Memorandum No. 1530 dated Sept 26th., 1885, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia Shipment No. 8, dated Sept. 19, 1885, and find the gross value to be $27,894.07, charges $70.21, and net value $27,823.86, for which latter sum I have requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 5, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The following blank forms for official use have been mailed you this day, viz:

10 Statements of Earnings and Expenditures.

The Treasurer U. S., has been requested to furnish you with the following blanks, as they relate to his office, viz:

500 Daily Statements of the Bullion Fund and

100 Weekly Transcripts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 5, 1885
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The annual and the 12 monthly statements to which you refer in your communication of the 3rd. inst. were forwarded to you on the 2nd. inst., but on account of their bulk were not placed in the same envelope with the letter of that date. If you have not received them telegraph to that effect on receipt of this. A failure to telegraph will be considered an indication that the statements have been received.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, October 5, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-nine Dollars ($27,549.00) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars ($274.86) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{86}{100}$ Dollars ($27,823.86) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Denver, as shown by Memorandum

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No. 1530 dated Sept. 26th. 1885, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

P. M. Taylor, October 5, 1885.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

I transmit, as requested in your communication of the 2nd. inst. a copy of the report on the Production of Precious Metals for 1884. As to the other reports mentioned in yours of the 28th. ultimo your best course is to apply to the Secretary of the Interior.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram. Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. October 6, 1885.
Denver Colo.

Your offer accepted at one hundred three and seven tenths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. J. B. Colgate & Co., October 6, 1885.

Your offer received too late and is declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Clark, Dodge and Co. October 6, 1885.
51 Wall Street, N. Y.

Your offers accepted for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed

Telegram. Fourth National Bank, October 6, 1885.
New York.
Your offer accepted.
Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Confirmed Acting Director.
Similar telegram sent to
Telegram. Handy & Bronise, 24 Nassau Street, New York.

Assayer in Charge, October 6, 1885.
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

I return herewith the Official bond of Wm Wissmann, Assistant Assayer of your Office for correction and to be made from the proper blank. Under the head of the condition of this obligation &c. you recite erroneously that the said Wm Wissmann was appointed by the President of the United States. You will find the necessary blank for a proper bond enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 6, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The number of silver dollars to be coined by your Mint during the month of October is hereby fixed at 800,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Supt. Mint, October 6, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

It appears that upon offers made and accepted from Clark, Dodge & Co. and the Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. for delivery of silver at your mint, they sometimes ship 2000 or 3000 ounces in excess of the specific amount offered and accepted. When this is done you will receive and pay for the same at the rate named in the letter of advice from this office.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Supt. Mint, October 6, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for, as may be preferred, either in silver dollars or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, payable in silver dollars, to wit: of—

Clark, Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at $1.0362
Clark, Dodge & Co.	50,000 Ounces, at $1.0361
Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.	45,000 Ounces, at $1.0370

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except names & amts. sent to
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia. Purchased of

Fourth National Bank, N.Y.	20,000 Ounces, at $1.0375
Handy & Cromise,	125,000 Ounces, at $1.0369

Supt. Mint, October 6, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The number of silver dollars to be coined at your Mint during the month of October is hereby fixed at 1,700,000 pieces.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, October 6, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana be increased Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Philip F. Murphy, October 6, 1885.
Iowa City, Iowa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the report on the production of the precious metals; and will forward you a copy of the annual report of the Director when it is published.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Telegram Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Two-thirds of your gold coinage during October will be in half eagles; one-third in eagles.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

Similar telegram sent to

Telegram Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
Carson.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to cause a transfer to be made from the bullion fund of your mint to that of the mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $31,968.67 payable in 32,899.53 ounces standard silver bullion. This sum with the amount ($218,966.45) for which a transfer has heretofore been requested, makes the amount of $250,935.12 of parted silver bullion on hand at your mint, as stated in your letter of the 23rd. ultimo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in charge, October 7, 1885.
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

With reference to the circular letter from this Bureau of August 13th. I have to say that no work will be required in the way of collecting information about mines. If from your letter of the 29th. of September it is to be understood that the clerk referred to has no other business at

your institution than to collect statistics for the use of this Bureau, his dismissal should be at once forwarded to this office for approval.

No newspapers will be subscribed for in continuation of the same work.

Your letter of September 29th. appears to me to have been anticipated by the circular letter above referred to.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your mint during the month of September and forwarded to this Bureau for special assay have been received, viz:

9 Standard Silver Dollars $9.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Late Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Please forward at your earliest convenience the receipt of your successor for the value of minor coinage metal transferred to him, viz: $63,162.22 to be filed with your bullion accounts.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 5th. of October reporting the return by Governor Pollock of two books of record, one entitled "The Branch Mint Account" and the other "Sweep Account", it remains for you to judge whether they are the books called for by your letter of the 21st. of September.

Mr. Cobb will doubtless be able to satisfy you upon this point,

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 7, 1885.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed find copy of the accepted bid of Henry Troemner, for your information.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Hon. Daniel Manning, October 7, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nevada, to that of the mint at Philadelphia of Thirty One Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-eight and 67/100 Dollars ($31,968.67) payable in 32,899.53 ounces standard silver bullion

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Messrs. Handy & Crouise, October 7, 1885.
New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 6th. instant is received.

No change has been made by the Treasury Commission for opening bids for silver from the provisions of the Department Circular of July 14, excepting as to the hour, which was placed at one o'clock, instead of two, for the convenience of bidders.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint, October 8, 1885.
San Francisco.

Let depositors make exchange with Mint order on United States Assistant Treasurer. This with concurrence of Treasurer Jordan.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Confirmed

First Auditor, October 8, 1885.
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending July 31st. 1885, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except date sent to First Auditor, transmitting accounts for month ending Aug. 31st. 1885.

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Assayer in Charge, October, 8, 1885.
Boise City.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd. inst., you are instructed to correct your deposit sheets since 1st. July by deducting from the silver contained the 1-99th of the standard weight of gold in each case. If possible, you will issue new warrants for the correct amount of the deposits and have them receipted by the parties making the deposits, and collect the over payments; but at any rate the deduction of 1-99th must be made on the abstract sheets on each deposit.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your quarterly statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1885 has been received. Also your communication of the 5th. instant stating that no sweeps have been recovered during the quarter.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 5th. instant, enclosing statement of ore and miscellaneous assays made during the quarter ending September 30, 1885 has been received.

Very respectfully, Jas. P. Kimball - Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 98 for $20.25, being on account of ore assays inclosed in your communication of the 5th. inst, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except amts. &c. sent to

Assayer in Charge, Charlotte, N.C.

C. D. No. 102 for $73.19 on account of charges of the quarter, personal credit given in bullion accounts.

Assayer in Charge, Charlotte, N.C.

C. D. No. 104 for $9.50.

Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except name of p/c sent to

Assayer in Charge, Denver.

Acknowledging receipt of Ordinary Expense Account.

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Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

The statement of earnings & expenditures for the quarter ending September 30, 1885, enclosed in your communication of the second inst. has been received at this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Assayer in Charge, October 8, 1885.
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your statement of gold and silver bullion of domestic production, and your statement of Deposits and Purchases and bars manufactured for September, enclosed in your communication of the 1st. inst. have been received at this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 8, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 5th. instant enclosing statement of silver delivered upon purchases at your mint during the month of September has been received.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Supt. Mint, October 8, 1885.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Please furnish this bureau with a statement of the net amount of silver profits on hand at your mint September 30, 1885.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter sent to
Supt. Mint, Philadelphia.

Supt. Mint, October 8, 1885.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending August 31, 1885, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except date sent to
Late Supt. Mint, San Francisco.
Accounts for month ending July 31, 1885.

Hon. Daniel Manning, October 8, 1885.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of this bureau of the 24th ultimo requesting a transfer from the bullion fund of the mint of the U. S. at Carson City, Nevada, to that of the Assay Office at New York of Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy and $\frac{64}{100}$

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Dollars, ($958,870.67), it is respectfully requested that you will direct the order issued and now in the hands of the Treasurer for the transfer of the sum named, to be cancelled and that an order be issued in lieu thereof for the transfer of Nine Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Nine Hundered Sixteen and 26/100 Dollars ($926,916.32) payable in 28,563.526 ounces standard gold (value $531,414.44) and 407,017.49 standard ounces silver (costing $395,501.88 contained in unparted bullion.

This request is made necessary by reason of an error on the part of the Superintendent of the Carson Mint in stating the amount of parted and unparted gold and silver respectively on hand.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

J. N. Allison, Esq.,
Longview, Texas.

October 8, 1885.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that as yet no reply has been received from you as to whether or not you desire to have the twenty dollar gold piece referred to in the letter of this Bureau dated 29th of August melted and its value sent you by draft.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

N. L. Dennis October 8, 1885.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the report on the production of the precious metals, on page 467 of which will be found the information requested in your communication of the 2nd inst.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Walter H. French, October 8, 1885.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of the last report on the production of the precious metals; and a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint will be forwarded you when it is printed.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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